



The class of 2005 elected Vice-President Alexis R. Desieno, Secretary Sheila M. Krishna, Publicity Coordinators Joyce Y. Chung and Kathy H. Li, and Social Chairs Jocelyn K. D'Arcy and Elizabeth C. Laws. The President and Treasurer are to be determined today.

## Freshmen Revote on President, Treasurer

### UA Judicial Board Declares Paper Balloting Invalid After Alleged Violations

By Brian Loux  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Undergraduate Association Judicial Board announced last night that the paper ballot elections for the Class of 2005 President and Treasurer will be run again.

Although the UA declined to comment on the specifics of the violations, complaints were apparently lodged against Jesse R. Alejandro '05 and Daniel F. Kanamori '05, candidates for Treasurer and President, respectively. Complaints were specific to the paper balloting portion of the election, which was held in Lobby 10 on Thursday.

Allegations against the two candidates included campaigning inside Lobby 10 and illegal posting on the scaffolding outside Lobby 7. An individual close to the election said that "we all were told that the unwritten rule was to avoid Lobby 10 as much as possible."

The UA Judboard began deliberating at 7 p.m., reaching a decision four hours later. The official tally of votes began later than originally scheduled due to the complaints. The counting did begin at 9 p.m., before Judboard reached a final decision on the matter. At the vote count, representatives for the candidates were told that Judboard was convening to hear the allegations. Votes cast for Presi-

dent and Treasurer were not tallied last night.

In accordance with the Judboard ruling, a new round of paper ballots for the two offices will replace yesterday's round of voting. Votes that had been cast online will be used for the official count. The new round of voting begins again today in Lobby 10 at 9 a.m., and will continue until 5 p.m.

#### Kanamori, Alejandro upset by decision

Kanamori and Alejandro were displeased by the Judboard's ruling, saying that their strategy

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## IFC Plans For 2002 Transition

### Committee Releases Outline for Next Rush

By Dana Levine  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Just a few weeks after the end of MIT's final residential rush, administrators and the Interfraternity Council have already begun to gear up for recruitment 2002.

"I think the only way you're going to succeed through the 2002 decision is if you change with it," said Kathleen Baxter, the program coordinator for the fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups in the Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs.

The IFC 2002 recruitment committee recently proposed a basic framework for fraternity and independent living group recruitment in 2002.

Andres Sawicki '02, the committee's chair, said that planning began during the IFC Leadership Retreat in September 2000. "We started at the leadership retreat... From that point, I had weekly committee meetings," he said.

#### New rush to last two weeks

Under the current plan, recruitment for fraternities and independent living groups will begin on the third Friday from the beginning of the fall term.

Prior to this period, FSILGs will not be able to do anything defined by the IFC as "recruitment," which currently involves such things as wearing shirts with greek letters and holding events as individual houses or as a community. The report says that it hopes to see the IFC "change its outdated definition of recruitment."

According to a report published by the MIT Panhellenic Association, Panhel recruitment will run from the last day of Independent Activities period until the following week.

Bidding and pledging would be allowed to begin two weeks after the start of recruitment. In past rushes, prospective members could not pledge until the day after houses first offered bids. The report states that this delay in the schedule will be removed because freshmen will have ample time to examine their options before they receive a bid.

Other changes involve the elimination of the clearinghouse system, an alternative, low pressure event for those who choose not to attend Killian Kickoff, and recruitment advisors who will aid prospective new members with the recruitment process.

Sawicki said that the committee has received administrative approval for the plan through monthly meetings with the residence system implementation team, a group of administrators charged with setting specifics for the residence system redesign.

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## Vacant Seats Intensify City Council Campaigns

By Harold Fox  
STAFF REPORTER

The Cambridge City Council race is heating up as the candidates begin their final month of campaigning.

Of the 19 candidates vying for nine seats, seven are incumbents. This means that at least two slots are open for new members on Election Day, November 6.

As Cambridge faces the traffic congestion, open space depletion, and soaring housing costs that plague rapidly growing cities, the major issues are affordable housing and growth management.

#### Incumbents have advantage

Because of the format of City Council elections, name recognition plays a huge role in the outcome. None of the seven incumbents are expected to lose their seats.

The other important factor in the election is fund raising. In 1999, the year of the previous City Council election, the nine elected were also the top nine fundraisers.

These circumstances leave a large group of individuals shooting for just two spots opened up by the retirement of Councillors Kathleen Born and Jim Braude.

Brian Murphy, a Harvard graduate and former campaign manager who is running for public office for the first time, is an early leader. He has raised nearly \$35,000 and has

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## ATO Brothers Left Homeless by CLC

By Richa Maheshwari

The first thing Nathan J. Ackerman '04 has seen every morning since Rosh Hashanah is the laptop computer he clutches in his arms when he sleeps on the "slobbery" blue couch in the fifth floor study room of the student center.

Ackerman, along with the rest of his Alpha Tau Omega brothers, is homeless for 20 days because the Cambridge Licensing Commission suspended ATO's housing license.

Richard V. Scali, executive officer of the CLC, said ATO was found guilty of "underage drinking on the roof and a public disturbance which led to an altercation." An ATO brother allegedly shouted a racial slur at a member of The Roots, a band performing at Spring Weekend

last year. This led to a physical confrontation between ATO brothers and members of the band.

"We notified them about the decision with plenty of time for them to make alternative arrangements. It's a punishment and it wouldn't be if we provided other housing," Scali said. This marks the second time ATO has been evicted due to CLC violations. Last year, alcohol violations forced forced both ATO and Kappa Sigma to run rush outside their houses.

#### Housing hazardous for brothers

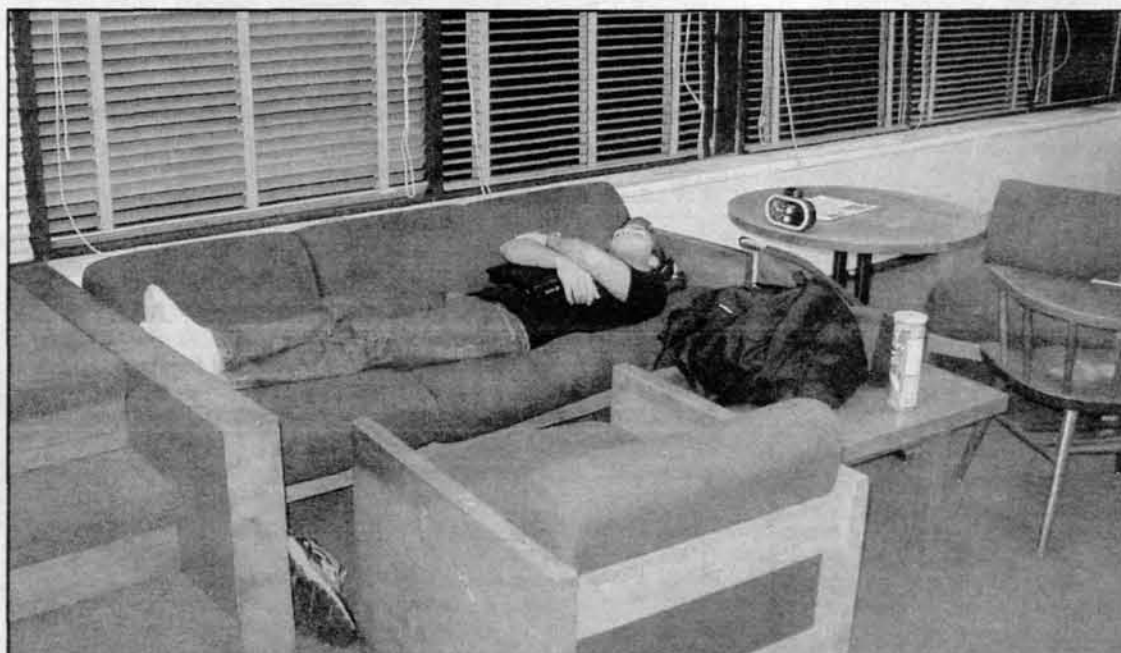
Ackerman's backpack weighs 37 pounds because he carries around all of his books and his laptop computer. Aaron J. Parness '01 showers and changes at DuPont every day. With numerous brothers

sleeping all around campus, or commuting to school from places as far away as Stonehill College, a number of concerns exist.

"It is unsafe for students to sleep anywhere. They are completely homeless, and if they don't find someplace to sleep, they literally would have to sleep on the street. It is a complete health hazard," said ATO President George S. Gluck '02. He is trying to ensure that the ATO brothers can stay at other fraternities or with friends.

Jesse M. Barnes '02, who commutes from either Wellesley College or Jamaica Plain, spends 45 minutes to an hour every day commuting to and from school. His major concern has been keeping in touch with the

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Nathan J. Ackerman '04 of ATO spends the night in the Student Center because the Cambridge Licensing Commission has evicted the fraternity members from their house for an alcohol-related violation.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Jackson Asked to Meet With Taliban

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Thursday he is considering a trip to Afghanistan to meet with Taliban leaders, but U.S. officials said they believed the journey would serve no purpose.

Jackson said he received a telegram Wednesday from a Taliban representative inviting him to talk about resolving the issue of handing over Osama bin Laden "in a way that preserves dignity and integrity of all sides." He said he is considering leading a private American delegation to talk about bin Laden, listed by the U.S. government as the primary suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Jackson told Secretary of State Colin L. Powell of the invitation, apparently hoping to receive instructions for a back-channel diplomatic initiative. But Powell said he thought the trip would be pointless.

## Saudis Permit Strike From Bases

THE WASHINGTON POST

CAIRO, EGYPT

Torn between the conservative religious leanings of its people and a desire to help in the war on terrorism, Saudi Arabia has signaled that it will permit U.S. troops and planes stationed on its soil to participate in military action against Osama bin Laden and his protectors in Afghanistan, according to senior U.S. officials.

Prince Saud Faisal, the foreign minister, strongly indicated Saudi willingness to cooperate after meeting Wednesday with European Union officials. He said the kingdom was committed to an aggressive international campaign "not just to track down the criminals of the Sept. 11 attacks, but to exterminate the infrastructure that helps the terrorists." Faisal said that if it comes to military action, Saudi Arabia "will not avoid its duty" as part of the coalition, according to an account of his remarks in the Saudi-based Arab News.

Saudi Arabia provided another important boost to the Bush administration's campaign on Tuesday. It not only severed diplomatic relations with the Taliban rulers in Afghanistan, but did so in harsh language that accused the ultra-orthodox movement of having become little more than a criminal gang that tarnished the image and interests of Muslims worldwide.

## Gunman Kills 14, Self At Swiss Government Meeting

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

A gunman wearing a police vest and bearing a deadly grudge stormed a regional parliament in Zug, Switzerland, on Thursday, killing 14 people and wounding at least 10 others before fatally shooting himself.

The assault — unrelated to the recent terror attacks in the United States — was the worst on record in bucolic Switzerland, a country that prides itself on its peace-loving image and low rate of violent crime.

Police said the gunman, identified as Friedrich Leibacher, 57, shot his way into a joint meeting of the Zug regional government and parliament with a standard-issue Swiss army assault rifle, shouting abuse and seeming to fire randomly.

The fatally wounded lawmakers collapsed as others screamed and dived for cover. Leibacher turned his fire on journalists who had been covering the parliamentary debate and detonated an explosive, which blew out doors and windows and filled the chamber with smoke. Then he killed himself.

Three of the seven members of Zug's government council were among the dead, and two more were wounded. But council member Robert Bisig, whose name the gunman reportedly called out amid his fury, was unharmed.

# Bush Plan Calls For Putting Armed Marshals on Flights

By Edwin Chen and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CHICAGO

President Bush urged Americans Thursday to "get on board" the nation's airlines and "enjoy life," and called for armed National Guard patrols at airports to quell the public's fears about security.

But as Bush outlined new security measures at an upbeat rally on the O'Hare Airport tarmac, debate rumbled among members of Congress over whether he is going far enough in using the government's power to guarantee safety.

Senior Democrats said uniformed federal officers should carry out passenger and baggage screening. They called for a \$3-per-ticket fee to permanently finance a new air security service that would be similar to U.S. Customs. For his part, Bush is proposing higher standards and closer federal oversight for private guards hired by the airlines.

"We're being offered half a loaf on this critical part of security on our airlines," said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore.

"This is a bedrock responsibility," added Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn. "The most basic responsibility of government is to protect its citizens against acts of war."

The president's plan also calls for a \$500-million fund to help airlines fortify cockpits against intruders and make other improvements. The money can be used to equip cockpits with video monitors to alert pilots of disturbances in the passenger cabin — "so our pilots will always be in command of the airplanes," Bush said. Another change includes aircraft transponders — identification beacons — that cannot be switched off. Bush also called for research into remote devices that could allow a pilot on the ground to take back control of an airliner from a hijacker.

Bush authorized federal funding, estimated at \$100 million to \$150 million, to states whose governors choose to temporarily deploy the National Guard to augment security at commercial airports until his security program is fully implemented. That could take four to six months, the White House estimated.

One key element of the president's initiative is a significant and permanent expansion of the Federal Air Marshals program. Armed plainclothes officers will be present — but unannounced — on many flights. Previously, marshals flew on only a handful of flights.

Authorities declined to disclose the number of marshals who would be deployed, to keep would-be hijackers guessing. But a senior administration official said the marshals' ranks have grown steadily since the attacks, adding, "that number is increasing by the day."

Bush went to Chicago not only to announce the new security measures, but to underscore his message that Americans have a patriotic duty to return to their routines, even while they remain vigilant about safety.

When the terrorists struck on Sept. 11, "they wanted to create an atmosphere of fear," Bush said. "And one of the great goals of this nation's war is to restore public confidence in the airline industry."

Bush's appearance was all but devoid of the somber, funeral ambience of many of the other post-attack events that Bush has attended.

# Authority Given to Down Planes

## Two Generals May Attack, Destroy Commercial Aircraft

By Paul Richter  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Pentagon, in its first major move to strengthen homeland security, has embarked on a major overhaul of the nation's air defense system that authorizes the military to shoot down commercial jetliners in "extraordinary circumstances."

In an effort to encourage jittery travelers to fly, the White House stressed that two generals will give such orders only in the rarest of circumstances, when the president or top ranking generals cannot be reached.

"If the plane is nose-down and threatens the safety and security of

the American people, that is the kind of situation we're talking about," said Scott McClellan, a White House spokesman.

Previously, only the president had authority to order domestic jets shot down, which President Bush gave in the hours after the initial attacks Sept. 11 on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

Since then, a military air defense network that had focused exclusively on incoming international traffic has broadened its mission to include thousands of daily domestic flights. Defense officials have also tightened ties with civilian air authorities and have stepped up fighter-jet air patrols.

The air defense system, which is run by the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, previously kept 14 fighter planes on constant "strip alert" at seven Air Force bases around the country. Now, 100 fighters are on

alert and ready to fly within 10 minutes from 26 locations.

F-15 and F-16 fighters are on regular patrol over New York City and the Washington federal complex, and other fighters planes intermittently patrol other parts of the country.

A military source said the NORAD was also flying AWACS surveillance planes, which can track large numbers of aircraft simultaneously. Air patrols are also being used at major public events, such as NFL football games, the officer said.

The generals who can authorize a fighter to strike an airliner include Air Force Maj. Gen. Larry Arnold at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida, who has authority for the continental United States, and Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, who has authority for that state.

# WEATHER

## The Storms of September

By Michael J. Ring  
SENIOR EDITOR

As September is traditionally the most active month of the hurricane season, it is fitting that we end the month by discussing two storms.

In the Atlantic, Tropical Storm Humberto continues to weaken as it slides toward Europe. At its peak, Humberto contained sustained winds of up to 100 mph (160 kph). But Humberto stayed away from the shore, causing no more trouble than choppy seas for residents of the Atlantic coast.

The situation is far less serene in the Pacific Ocean. Hurricane Juliette will graze the coast of Baja California today. Juliette sports sustained winds of 90 mph (150 kph) and is expected to dump over 6 inches (15 cm) of rain on the Baja peninsula.

Rain is in our local forecast today as well, though our showers will be nowhere near the ferocity of Juliette's downpours. A trough slid eastward from the Great Lakes overnight, bringing intermittent light rain to Boston today. The trough will depart overnight, leaving sunny skies and cooler than normal temperatures for the weekend.

### Weekend Outlook

**Today:** Showers. Cool with a high of 58°F (14°C).

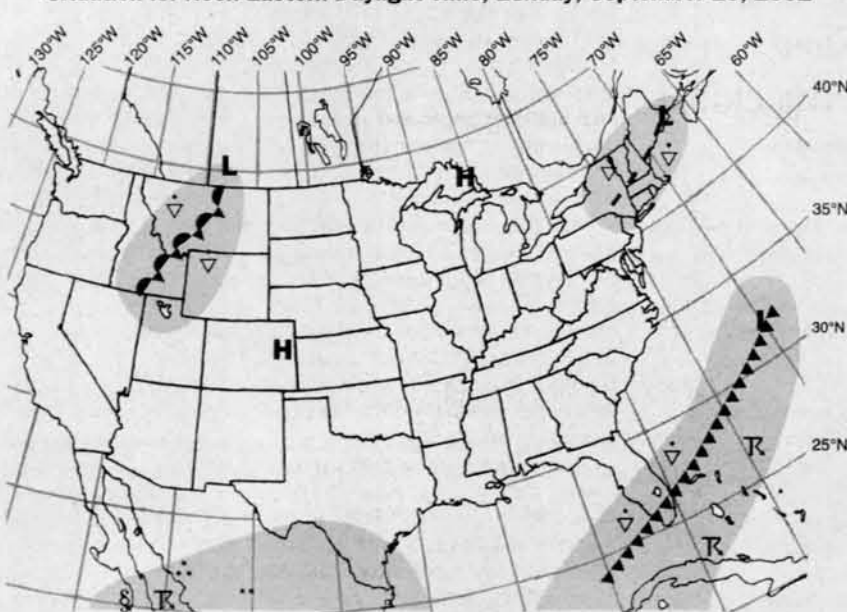
**Tonight:** Showers ending, with clearing toward dawn. Low of 50°F (10°C).

**Saturday:** Partly sunny and cool. High of 63°F (17°C) and low of 43°F (6°C).

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny. High of 65°F (18°C) and low of 47°F (8°C).

**Monday:** Sunny and milder; high temperatures may approach 70°F (21°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, 28xday, September 28, 2001



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
<b>H</b> High Pressure	Trough	Rain	Fog
<b>L</b> Low Pressure	Warm Front	Snow	Thunderstorm
<b>S</b> Hurricane	Cold Front	Light	Haze
	Stationary Front	Moderate	
		Heavy	

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# Two Candidates for NYC Mayor Would Extend Giuliani's Term

By Dan Janison

NEWSDAY NEW YORK

In an unheard-of deal, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani on Thursday got two of three contenders for his job to agree that if elected they would support letting him stay beyond his legal term.

But the mayor was unable to persuade Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer to accept the so-called "unity" pact. Ferrer, who finished first in Tuesday's Democratic primary, said Giuliani's proposed deal would set an unwise precedent.

"I just don't think it's right," Ferrer said on New York 1 cable news Thursday night. "It's the mayor's job to deal with whether they're anticipated or unanticipated ... There can't be a mayor and a half."

Giuliani earlier threatened if there was no deal he would try to find a way around the term limits law to run again, which state lawmakers are reluctant, and possibly unauthorized by the law, to allow.

Gov. George Pataki and State Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno have shown support for postponing Giuliani's departure. But Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver had not signed on to the deal.

Conservative Party Chairman Michael Long said Giuliani told him Wednesday that if there was no deal on a voluntary continuance, Giuliani would "try to seek a third term."

Long has said that he'd welcome Giuliani onto the Conservative line despite past friction, and that nominee Terry Gray would step aside. The legality is murky, but Long said, "We are at war and ... we're willing to support him."

Earlier, Public Advocate Mark Green issued a statement saying he'd support a measure delaying his inauguration for up to three months for the sake of unity and a seamless transition "given the unprecedented World Trade Center catastrophe."

Green said he "adamantly opposes repealing term limits" on the eve of the November election.

And Giuliani said the GOP nom-

inee, billionaire Michael Bloomberg, "agreed to it immediately" when he broached the matter in a meeting Wednesday.

But for several hours, suspense surrounded the response of Ferrer, who revealed that he spoke for an hour with Giuliani on Wednesday night and gave Deputy Mayor Joseph Lhota his response Thursday.

Ferrer faces an Oct. 11 runoff against Green because he landed shy of the required 40 percent for nomination. He has been the mainstream candidate most critical of Giuliani's policies throughout the campaign.

Ferrer said Thursday: "I am deeply concerned about the precedent this would set and the implications of this extraordinary step for the long-term interests of our city. For centuries, we have made orderly, constitutional transitions of government — even in times of crisis."

Ferrer offered instead to suspend campaigning to attend meetings concerning the crisis and rebuilding, and called for other candidates to do so.

# Taliban Locates Terrorist Leader, Asks Him to Depart Afghanistan

By Pamela Constable

THE WASHINGTON POST ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia has located Osama bin Laden, the leading suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, and delivered a message from a council of Islamic clerics asking him to leave the country, according to the Taliban's top diplomat here.

The Bush administration has demanded that the Taliban, which has harbored bin Laden for five years, surrender the wealthy Islamic extremist. But Taliban leaders have so far refused, insisting bin Laden was under their control and could not have orchestrated any international terrorist act.

Last week, a council of Afghan clerics decided to ask bin Laden to leave Afghanistan, but only of his free will and at a time of his choosing. Soon after, Taliban officials said he'd vanished and that they didn't know where he was.

On Thursday, however, Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban's ambassador to Pakistan, said, "Osama has now received the ... recommendations," according to the Taliban news agency. "We have not lost Osama, but he is out of sight of the people."

The Taliban's conciliatory moves

appeared to be eleventh-hour efforts to forestall any foreign military attack. A spokesman for a major Pakistani Islamic group said the delegation being dispatched to Afghanistan would try to persuade the Taliban to hold talks with the United States in an effort to resolve "all disputes," especially over bin Laden.

Officials in Washington have said repeatedly that it's too late for any negotiation concerning bin Laden and that the Taliban would face a U.S. assault if they don't turn him over. Taliban officials have demanded that the United States provide them with solid evidence of bin Laden's involvement in terrorism, but Washington hasn't done so.

The U.S. position was reluctantly echoed here Thursday by U.N. officials. Francesc Vendrell, the U.N. political envoy for Afghanistan, said, "I'm afraid when it comes to Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda, the time for negotiations on these issues is past." Al Qaeda is the terrorist network affiliated with bin Laden.

Despite the new gestures by the Taliban, its supreme religious leader, the usually reclusive Mohammed Omar, publicly threatened Thursday that any Afghan who collaborated with a U.S. intervention in Afghanistan would be "treat-

ed like those who were brought in by the communists."

On this day in 1996, Taliban fighters swept into Kabul and rounded up officials who'd backed the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in 1979. They dragged the Soviet-installed former president, Najibullah, behind a truck and hung his mutilated corpse from a traffic post.

"Those Afghans who want to take over power in Afghanistan with the help of American troops are the same as those Afghans who came into Afghanistan with the help of the Russian troops," Omar was quoted as saying. "In case of intervention in Afghanistan, no difference will be made between America and Russia."

The government of Pakistan, which has expressed concern over the possibility of a violent spillover from the mounting crisis in Afghanistan, is supporting the planned visit by Pakistani Islamic leaders to talk with Taliban officials.

At the same time, Pakistani police were reported to be hunting down and arresting supporters of bin Laden, especially in the port city of Karachi. Police there said they had picked up an undisclosed number of suspected bin Laden associates "for intensive investigation and interrogation."

# FBI Opens Civil Rights Investigations

## Ninety Cases of Hate Crimes Filed Since Terrorist Hijackings

By Richard A. Serrano

LOS ANGELES TIMES WASHINGTON

Despite repeated requests for calm from President Bush and top law enforcement officials, the number of hate crimes directed at Arab Americans has almost doubled from a week ago, and the FBI has formally opened 90 civil rights investigations since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller said Thursday that 30 FBI field offices are investigating attacks against members of Arab, Muslim and Sikh communities around the nation.

In addition, local police and state agencies are handling hundreds of other hate-related cases, including slayings in San Gabriel, Calif., Dallas and Mesa, Ariz., as well as numerous shootings, beatings, and incidents in which individuals have been dragged from their cars.

Citing criminal charges filed Wednesday against two white men in Seattle and Salt Lake City, Mueller warned, "These indictments are proof that those who attempt to take out their anger and frustration on innocent Americans will be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

In Seattle, Patrick Cunningham, 53, was charged with shooting at worshippers and attempting to torch a mosque. In Salt Lake City, James Herrick, 31, was jailed for allegedly setting fire to a Pakistani restaurant. Both crimes occurred two days after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The large numbers of attacks against Arabs, Muslims and Sikhs appear to be directly related to the Sept. 11 attacks, which federal authorities say were carried out by 19 men from the Middle East. Traditionally, hate crimes have been targeted against blacks, Latinos, Jews, Asian Americans and American Indians, while people of Arab descent have been subjected to relatively few such attacks, according to federal crime statistics.

Under U.S. statutes, authorities can file federal hate crime charges against individuals who attack others based on their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity or national origin.

In many of the investigations being conducted by the FBI, authorities are weighing a wide range of possible charges. Mueller said that the federal grand juries in Seattle and Salt Lake City indicted the suspects because they believed that they were trying to take violent revenge on Arab communities.

In Seattle, Cunningham was charged with four offenses: obstructing free exercise of religion, attempting to deface religious property, attempting to damage a building and using a gun in a violent crime. He pleaded not guilty.

The religion-related charges each carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; a conviction on the other charges could add 15 years or more.

Police said Cunningham pointed a gun at two worshippers outside the north Seattle Idriss Mosque, and also doused cars with gasoline.

# Union Wants to Allow Flight Attendants to Carry Stun Guns

NEWSDAY

As the climate of airplane cabins and cockpits has shifted to fear in recent weeks, flight attendants are pushing for federal permission to arm themselves with stun guns should they encounter hijackers.

The group's largest union, the Association of Flight Attendants, says it wants its members to have on-board access to such devices, according to its president, who approached federal lawmakers with the idea this week during House aviation security hearings.

"We consider that [stun guns are] the weapon of choice," said Patricia Friend, the group's president, who said the union is opposed to pilots carrying firearms. "We would definitely need extensive training not only on how to use it, but under what conditions you would need to use it."

Stun guns are widely used by law enforcement agencies across the country. The devices vary. Some, with the brand name of Tazer, use compressed gas to shoot barbs connected to metal wires into skin to temporarily incapacitate an attacker with an electric shock.

Other, less sophisticated versions, are box-like, with metal prongs that convey an electrical charge when they make contact with skin. They range from a few hundred dollars to \$1,000, depending on the type.

# Report Cites Bioterrorism Vulnerability

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The federal government's plan for responding to bioterrorism is a collection of poorly coordinated, often underfunded, projects that span 11 separate Cabinet-level agencies, according to the first comprehensive report on the subject since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Further, the study by the General Accounting Office warns that state and local health departments appear equally unprepared to deal with a biological assault, despite the fact they are likely to be the first to respond.

"Bioterrorism remains a low probability, but a growing probability, coupled with a high vulnerability for our nation," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who, along with Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., requested the report.

In this year's budget, the Bush administration has allocated \$343 million for dealing with a biological attack, \$113 million of which is for the Pentagon to protect soldiers in the field. The rest, which amounts to less than \$1 per U.S. civilian, goes to projects as diverse as environmental assessments, pharmaceutical stockpiles and computer upgrades.

More money is being spent by the Defense Department and other federal agencies on prevention and detection, although Frist and Kennedy argue it is nowhere near enough. They have urged President Bush to spend an additional \$1 billion to immediately upgrade public laboratories, train medical personnel, pursue new vaccines and therapies and secure overseas stocks of biological weapons.

# U.S. Embassy in Indonesia Warns of Mounting Threat

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Concerned by mounting threats against Americans in Indonesia, the U.S. Embassy here said Thursday that it will begin withdrawing "nonemergency" employees and family members who wish to leave the country.

In a strongly worded warning, the embassy urged other Americans to consider leaving and advised those who remain in Indonesia to "exercise maximum caution."

Outside the U.S. Embassy, more than 1,000 demonstrators burned American and Israeli flags and an effigy of President Bush on Thursday to protest the expected U.S. military action in Afghanistan. Some chanted, "Go to hell, America."

In recent days, several Islamic fundamentalist groups have threatened to kill Americans if the United States retaliates against Afghanistan for the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and near Washington.

One radical newspaper published a death threat this week against U.S. Ambassador Robert Gelbard. On Thursday, the ambassador criticized Indonesian authorities for not taking action against extremists.

"They have not been prepared to act, to warn or to arrest people who break the law when there are threats against the lives of Americans," Gelbard told reporters.

# Pentagon Unveils Medal For Civilian Workers in Attacks

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

More than two centuries after George Washington awarded the first Purple Hearts to veterans of the American Revolution, the Pentagon has created an equivalent medal for civilian employees killed or wounded in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The Medal for the Defense of Freedom was unveiled Thursday by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who called it "a recognition that the world has changed, that we can no longer count on future wars being waged safely in their regions of origin."

The new medal will be awarded to all Defense Department civilian employees who were killed or wounded in the suicide hijackings of four jetliners.

All military personnel who were casualties of the attacks will receive the Purple Heart.

"Those Department of Defense employees who were injured or killed were not just victims of terror," Rumsfeld said during a Pentagon briefing. "They were combat casualties, brave men and women who risked their lives to safeguard our freedom. And they paid for our liberty with their lives."



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## A Meal Plan That Makes Sense for MIT

Last week, the Office of Campus Dining announced that a mandatory meal plan for all undergraduate dormitory residents will begin next year. No one at MIT denies the need to

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improve campus dining, and fundamental changes to the current system might certainly be necessary to improve it. Quality and cost of service are intimately related; in mandating a meal plan, the administration acknowledged that fact and sought to take a bold step toward improving the dining system.

However, it may not be necessary to require all dormitory residents to purchase a dining plan. All five of the Institute's proposals involve expensive meal plans. *The Tech* proposes a compromise plan that will be more affordable for students and may be more compatible with the current culture, while still putting additional capital into the dining system. Regardless of the Institute's decision for a new dining proposal, students should be able to opt out entirely.

Under the current system, students who choose to use the current meal plan can put as little as \$200 onto their cards, and any unused funds are refunded at the end of the academic year. It is likely that MIT's new proposal will require participants to pay a minimum amount, significantly higher than \$200, which will not be refunded. This minimum should be lower than the current per term prices for all five of the options currently on the table, while additional plans offering more meals at a lower per-meal rate should also be offered. Students should also be able to add cash to their plans that will be refunded if not spent.

*The Tech* supports MIT's efforts to improve the campus community by offering all-you-can-eat dining. Such service encourages students to sit down for a longer period of time, as time spent waiting in line to pay will no longer be greater than the time spent eating. However, purchasing food to go is often necessary for students with busy MIT schedules. The meal plan should offer both all-you-can-eat meals and a declining balance for *à la carte* meals, but an all-you-can-eat meal should be exchangeable for *à la carte* credit. Certain dining facilities such as Lobdell, Walker, and dormitory dining halls can be established as all-you-can-eat cafeterias, but facilities such

as Courses, Pritchett, Bio Cafe, Dome Cafe, and Refresher Course make more sense as *à la carte* cafes. Students should have the option of all-you-can-eat or *à la carte* dining for each meal.

However, students choosing not to participate in the meal plan should be prepared to make some compromises. Swiping the card for laundry, vending machines, and photocopies may only be available to those who opt into the meal plan. In addition, a student who does not buy into the plan would have to pay cash for *à la carte* meals, and would have to pay a premium for all-you-can-eat meals.

There is no reason to treat freshmen differently than upperclassmen with regards to dining, and similarly there is no reason to exclude graduate students from the new dining plan. The Institute should especially encourage Graduate Residence Tutors and Teaching Assistants to enter into the meal plan to foster interaction between graduates and undergraduates. Faculty and staff should also have the option to enter a meal plan.

One of MIT's key arguments behind the meal plan regards the process of selecting vendors who would accept the MIT card. Clearly, greater quality and variety of vendors will encourage more students to sign up for a meal plan. LaVerde's should be included as one of these vendors, given the obvious existing demand. MIT should also explore options for including FSILGs and language houses in any proposed meal plan.

Fixing the flaws in the current campus dining system will require drastic changes, but MIT should strive to preserve much of the current system's freedom of choice. We propose option six.

## Erratum

The September 25 article "MIT to Impose Mandatory Meal Plan" states that Vikash Gilja '03 circulated a petition addressing the shortcomings of the proposed meal plan. The petition was in fact circulated by Vikash K. Mansinghka '04.

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# The Importance of Progress in Campus Dining

*Chancellor Clay Stresses the Goals of Maximizing Student Input and Improving Food Service*

Guest Column  
Phillip L. Clay

Several concerns have emerged in recent days about the draft proposals for implementation of the Dining Plan. I write to acknowledge these concerns, and to share some of my thoughts on how important it is for our community to move forward with substantial improvements to our dining system. We hope in this period of comment to sort out the concerns that will guide the refinement of the current draft. We also want to enhance the student voice in that process.

For a period of nearly twenty years, MIT has failed to develop and sustain a dining plan that supports community and well being. Throughout this time, students have made some valuable accommodation to compensate for MIT's shortcomings. Expectations have been lowered to match the level of investment. For some students, expectations are now so low that our present inadequate system seems worth defending.

Our mission for improving our dining system comes from the Task Force on Student Life and Learning. In 1998 the Task Force proposed and the MIT community agreed that we needed to make substantial improvements in the overall quality, flexibility, and character of dining as part of our larger efforts to build community and improve residential life. The report makes no mention of required participation by students in a dining plan. Our efforts since 1998 to improve dining, however, have shown that until we can count on major student participation in the plan, the operating costs and the basis for investment in upgrad-

ing or building dining facilities cannot be made. It is on this basis that we will have minimum participation so that dining vendor will have a stable client base.

Our students deserve a comprehensive approach to dining that supports balanced and healthy living and that is part of what makes the community fabric strong. The plan should contain features that match the different

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tastes and lifestyles our students have. In order to be sustainable, it should also fit students' budgets and the institute's financial constraints. MIT have committed to make — over the next 3-4 years — the investment to create a system we can be proud of.

In 2002 we are committed to begin the implementation of a minimum participation program. Minimum participation means that particular students will be required to participate in the dining program. The proposed plans call for full participation on the part of next year's freshman class and no required participation on the part of students who are currently juniors and will be seniors next year. The standards for next year's sophomores and juniors have not been fully established, but we anticipate some flexibility and choice that discussions over the next few weeks will inform.

The concerns we have heard over the last several days reinforce the need for this flexibility and choice. For example, some theme houses have well-established plans for mak-

ing sure that students in their houses eat as part of their residential programs. This we want to respect. We also know that some dorms have kitchens, and we are looking at how to include this accommodation for those students. For most students, however there are no such choices. We also understand the cost issues and want to make sure we adjust financial aid to match any extra burden the plan imposes. We are very aware that many students have limited degrees of freedom in managing their resources.

Initially, we cannot fully implement a system-wide plan. While we will open one, and perhaps two, dining facilities next year, our overall plan calls for incorporating dining as part of construction and renovation plans going forward. So, the extent of expected participation next year and in the years following will lie in our physical capacity and in our ability to sustain a quality program.

There are several draft options that have been framed to begin the discussion of the dining plan. These options cover a range of areas, and students will have strong views about which of these options would work best for them. We respect these different views, and expect that the next few weeks

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will provide an opportunity to refine the options so that students can decide which plan offers the most flexibility.

Dean Larry Benedict and members of his

office have listened carefully to the students and have informed me of some of the issues that are still a concern in the current draft. They are working hard and will look for opportunities at the Town Meeting and from other sources in the coming weeks to greatly improve the options. It certainly is true that our students are often our most creative problem-solvers, and the input of students will be a valued part of our process as we move forward.

I acknowledge that having been out of the dining plan business for almost two decades and having had a number of false starts, the issue of trust is a legitimate one. To address this issue and maximize student input, I want to note an addition to the process effective immediately. We will add up to 5 additional student members (there are three presently) to the Campus Dining Board. The board will be charged with reviewing comments on the current proposals, refining the options, and designing a process for making a choice among the refined options. The board will also develop a process for opening the vendor interview process to a broader cross section of students. There is not current commitment of a specific vendor for the new plan.

Finally, the board will participate in the review of vendor performance, and advise on future implementation issues.

Dining is complex. It is both a business enterprise and a critical student service. Both of these must work. We want to make this process a partnership for those who will benefit from the service.

A partnership in the process that involves students as well as staff will produce a dining plan that is first class. We should want nothing less.

Phillip L. Clay is the Chancellor of MIT.

## Here We Go Again

*Proposed Meal Plan Follows Usual Policy Cycle*

Veena Thomas

Just when I was about to retire from column-writing, MIT's powers-that-be have convinced me that they think up misguided policies solely so that I can rail against them.

Quite frankly, it's getting boring; I'm running out of creative, yet polite ways to write columns pointing out flaws in the administrators, thinking, and obviously it's not working anyway. I've decided this entire process can be automated. Hence, I have created Veena's Form Column. Clip this column and save it. Next time MIT makes a decision, simply circle the most pertinent phrases in the Form Column, and voila! An instant column on the issue, and I don't have to leave retirement.

*Veena's Form Column*

In a surprise move, MIT has decided to (house all freshmen on campus/ place residential coordinators in dorms/ ignore the dining

politely asking the administration to reconsider this policy/ have not yet formed an official opinion on the matter/ are forming a subcommittee to study the issue more closely). The administration most likely will (stand by their decision/ ignore student input completely/ propose a mildly revised policy which will cause students to celebrate and ignore the fact that the new policy is only slightly more palatable than the old policy). Students can protest this decision by (signing the circulating petition/ attending meetings/ joining a committee).

But for old time's sake, I will write one last old-fashioned column on the latest edict to befall the undergraduate community: a mandatory meal plan.

However, even my real column on a mandatory meal plan reads like the Form Column; mandatory meal plans are a bad idea because (the minimum level of involvement is far too high/ nonrefundable balances are a tremendous waste of students' money/ few people follow normal 5-7 pm dining hours/ students like cooking for themselves/ mandatory does not equal community-building).

Personally, I find it amusing that we have fallen into a set routine for dealing with new policies:

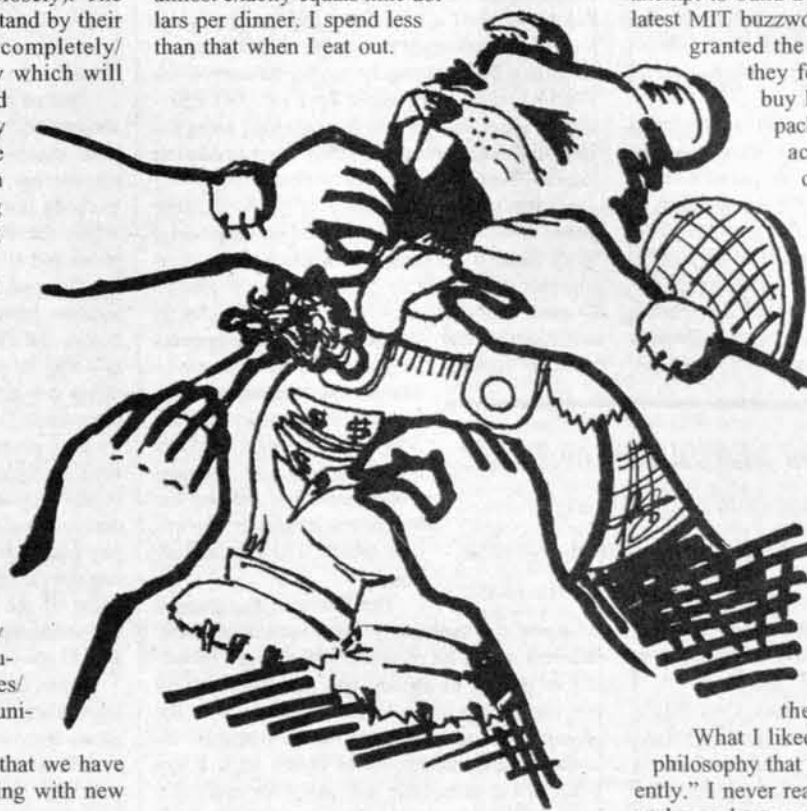
1. Administrators announce new policy designed to "improve undergraduate life."
2. Students hate said policy.
3. Students protest said policy.
4. Administrators ask for student input on policy. (Note this is step 4, not step 1.)
5. Administrators work with students on new policy.

We could save ourselves a lot of anguish, time, and effort if students were consulted before, not after, policies are announced on issues concerning them.

I couldn't believe the overwhelming opposition I heard from students regarding mandatory meal plans. Consider the following case studies:

The document at <<http://pj.mit.edu/Dorm-Con/Dining/>> lists 5 proposed meal plans, stating that there are 206 dinners per year. The dining plan described as "closest to the current system" requires both a \$1850 initial annual enrollment for freshmen designed to

cover all 206 dinners and a retail balance of \$1800. I whipped out my trusty calculator and did the math. \$1850 divided by 206 dinners almost exactly equals nine dollars per dinner. I spend less than that when I eat out.



in the vicinity? Certainly not.

I believe in freedom of choice, not imposition of mandatory (and expensive) plans in an attempt to build a nebulous "community," the latest MIT buzzword. Even kindergartners are granted the option to choose whether they fork over their dollar bill to buy hot lunch or have Mommy pack them PB & J, and no one is accusing them of lacking in community spirit. I demand the right to be treated like a kindergartner.

October 3rd is Freedom of Dining Choice Day. On this day, I will join others in exercising my right to eat where I want, when I want, by boycotting all campus dining services. I urge you to send a message by doing the same.

I've commented before that, one by one, MIT has eliminated many of the reasons I chose to come here in the first place. (I've still got my fingers crossed that they leave IAP untouched.)

What I liked most about MIT was their philosophy that "we do things a little differently." I never realized that by the end of my undergraduate career, MIT would eliminate many of its most unique features.

I hope that the MIT administration eventually learns from its mistakes and decides to consult students before announcing major new controversial policies.

*4. Administrators ask for student input on policy. (Note this is step 4, not step 1.)*

In the meantime, I will continue to be grateful that I am graduating this year, because I (don't want to be around next year with the implementation of at least 3 major new policies/ prefer to leave before things get worse/ am tired of fighting/ all of the above).

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committee's recommendations and renew Aramark's contract/ house TEAL in the reading room/ eliminate second-term P/D/F/ cut funding for JV sports/ place temporary faculty offices on The Dot/ decree a mandatory meal plan for all undergraduates on campus). The administration claims this policy is necessary because (there isn't any other space on campus/ MIT doesn't have enough money/ the freshman year needs to be reshaped/ we need to build "community"). Students, however, strongly oppose this plan because they were not consulted on the matter beforehand and (they like MIT the way it is/ the policy doesn't make sense).

Here are the flaws in said plan: (list flaws here). Here are some proposed solutions to the problem MIT wished to correct: (list ideas here). The Undergraduate Association and Dormitory Council (have passed a resolution



# Blacklisted, But Why?

Christen M. Gray

For those of you who listen to pop radio, what songs have you heard lately? Have you heard "Falling for the First Time" by Barenaked Ladies? Or maybe Fuel's new song "Bad Day?"

Depending on which station you turn the dial to, you may not have heard these songs and many others in the last two weeks if your station is owned by Clear Channel Communications, Inc. Clear Channels owns and operates 1213 radio stations and 19 television stations around the country from its headquarters in San Antonio, Texas.

A couple of weeks ago, the company sent out a list of about a hundred and fifty songs to all of its stations. This list contained songs the higher-ups felt should not be played after the World Trade Centers were destroyed on September 11th. While they are not forcing any of the radio stations to follow suit, the pressure from on high would cause most to play along.

One can expect that the entertainment industry and media should be sensitive at a time such as this and take off songs with obvious implications and literal analogies such as "Jet Airliner" by Steve Miller or "Seek and Destroy" by Metallica. Some stations may even want to avoid playing depressing songs altogether.

However, the list made up by Clear Channels does not simply recommend overtly connected songs or even just songs about death. Many of the songs would even comfort people and give them hope. Peter & Gordon's "A World Without Love," "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong, and "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas are all on the list.

Other music on this list includes patriotic, All-American songs like Don McLean's "American Pie" and Neil Diamond's "America".

Much of the music has no other offense than to be general peace-nik anti-war music. Why else would you ban The Beatles' "Obla Di, Obla Da", Cat Stevens' "Peace Train", and "Imagine" by John Lennon? In fact, "Imagine" was the first song to be played after MIT's rally for peace. The song "War" by Edwin Starr and Bruce Springsteen, is also included. For those of you unfamiliar with the song, the chorus goes: "War, what is it good

for? Absolutely nothing." No matter what your political beliefs, there is no reason to take all songs encouraging peace off the radio.

Other songs were taken off the air for their Arabic affiliations. After all, the song "Walk Like an Egyptian" by the Bangles is certainly offensive, right? And the upbeat party song "Rock the Casbah" by The Clash has to go. The song is filled with Arabic references. In fact, a casbah refers to a castle or the old part of a Middle East town. The song really makes reference to history that goes back to the Ottoman

Empire. Especially considering the miniscule number of people who know this trivia, must it really be swiped from the radio? "Rock the Casbah" was even the first song played over Army radio during Operation Desert Storm.

While the list mainly targets particular songs from various artists, there is one listing that says, "All Rage Against the Machine songs." Why is this one particular band so offensive to them? Certainly there are more objectionable groups in general. Marilyn Manson is, in fact, mentioned nowhere on the list. Could it have something to do with the

tion. Normally KISS108 ought to be playing some of the more recent songs mentioned on the list. I tuned in to that station for an entire day, and did not hear one song from the list. During their request hour, I requested Rage Against the Machine's "Renegades of Funk." Though I was obviously one of the first to make a request, it was never played. Other songs from that genre were played, but not the one I requested from the list. Admittedly it could be just bad luck, but still there were no other songs from the list played.

According to Clear Communications itself, these songs are not "banned," the list is simply a recommendation. After the bad press started rolling in concerning the use of censorship, headquarters sent out a release saying, "It is up to every radio station program director and general manager to understand their market, listen to their listeners, and guide their stations music selections according to local sensitivities." If they really wanted program directors to take charge and just "take the pulse" of the locals, why even make such a list at all, especially if you insist on including anti-war, Arabic-related, and classic American songs?

In times like these, when our national security and peace of mind is important, we must not lose sight of what makes us different from regimes like the Taliban. We are a free people. We have the right to disagree and to criticize our military and government. It is the duty of a citizen to do so. We also have a right to criticize companies for public wrongdoing. Additionally, we cannot allow corporate censorship in any way shape or form. This list should never have been made, but I'm glad that its presence still gets some attention.



## What's Michael?

Philip Burrowes

Let's make this quick, let's make this painless. A lot of you don't care about Michael Jordan and think it's ridiculous that others do. He didn't come back to change your mind. Somewhere out there, people have indeed let themselves be dictated by his presence, either gravitating towards him or expending surprising energy hoping for his downfall. No, he didn't come back to fulfill any duty to you either. Michael Jordan isn't playing professional basketball again because he wants to prove anything to doubters, or because he feels an altruistic obligation to save any organization. Fact of the matter is, he loves the game.

Sure, that's a trite explanation, symbolizing more than it actually means. It simultaneously conjures up the contradictory images of a reciprocal relationship and obsessive supplication of one to side to other; either Jordan somehow betters basketball or loses himself totally in it. Nobody seriously makes either argument, pointing to his very business-oriented demeanor, individualistic pursuits, and previous dalliances with other fields entirely (primarily, perhaps,

would be his greatest challenge, with less people than ever believing he could succeed, making it all the more appealing.

Besides the circular logic which supports either claim (he came back for this reason, therefore this is the reason he will come back), there is considerable evidence in Jordan's track record. He was notoriously apolitical, notably refusing to take a stance against the now-retiring Senator Jesse Helms because Republicans bought sneakers too (he supported Bill Bradley's presidential bid, but that was after his retirement). While he never came out and said he was the greatest of all time, he did make several pushes for recognition as a star in all respects, including proclaiming he would be named the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year. As for loving the game, he has generally avoided being the league's tool, even barring them from marketing his image on clothing, in video games, etc.

None of this conclusively proves either point, however, and indeed could go either way. Why make a political stance when there is no distinct challenge to be overcome thereby? Doesn't an intense drive make him more charismatic and thereby marketable? The argument against "loving" the game likewise perceives him as maximizing revenue for his employers (if the NBA sells Jordan T-shirts then Nike is losing potential money) and that defying the league undermines convention, which is always a challenge.

His "love of the game," however, explains away the other conceptions. While it's true he could simultaneously be acting in pursuit of money and accolades, solely playing for the love of the motions reduces the aforementioned impulses to impure agents. To seek a championship out of desire for that joy while at the same time utilizing it for profit is a base hypocrisy worse than conniving: self-denial. Although such a psychological deficiency is not out of the question for a man who has been under so much media scrutiny in his lifetime, it would simply be rude to suggest. Furthermore, an appreciation of athletics apart from its secondary benefits explains what is otherwise mysterious: playing baseball. It was either a silent challenge or the ultimate challenge, rendering inexplicable either why he began or ended; from a marketing viewpoint it was totally irresponsible. Doing it for fun, as simple as it sounds, makes the most sense.

Perhaps it is too simple. After all, he has long been wary of leaving well after losing his edge, as almost all professional athletes have. Yet we can be sure he didn't do it simply for the pundits any more than he believes himself a panacea to the Washington Wizards. If it is a conglomeration of reasons which compel him, then it is best his decision. Should it indeed be a hedonistic jaunt, then who is anyone else to stand in his way?

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baseball). People will debate, however, how much any of those factors have augmented or even superseded his professed "love."

What made Michael Michael, they might say, was a confluence of physical prodigy, extraordinary congeniality and marketing genius. For them, Michael Jordan as we know him was a product, an amalgam of theretofore independent factors. Teammates did not need him to seem unimposing, Madison Ave. did not truly need him to be physically superior to his competitors, and basketball certainly could have done without a Michael Jordan cologne. Combining all these interests, however, inherently made them feed off the other, and so Jordan came back to fulfill his contracts with each in some sort of benevolent collusion.

Others would contend that what we conceive of as Michael Jordan is therefore totally false, and that expecting him to conform with our delusions will never explain his action. Instead, they single him out as an individual competitor, who simply sought to dominate everything that stood in his way. The trappings of fame and fortune were auxiliary or — if anything — merely a secondary manifestation of his desire to control, except in the apparel market and not on the basketball court. Under this logic, his every achievement was an attempt at overcoming challenges posed to him. Returning

## A Poorly Thought Out Bailout

Dan Tortorice

A week ago President Bush signed a bill earmarking 15 billion dollars to bail out the airline industry. The bill was passed with overwhelming support, by almost 300 votes in the House and with only one dissenting vote in the Senate. Even those congressmen who questioned the bill voted for it to show unity in this difficult time. But this is not for the best, because the air line bailout bill is mis-conceived and harmful.

Part of the bill is meant to compensate the airlines for time they were required to ground their planes. However, as was duly noted by objecting congressmen, \$15 billion far exceeds the loss suffered by airline industry when the Federal Aviation Administration grounded all flights.

The real motive behind the bill is to keep airlines running at the same level they were before the events of September 11th. While it is noble to say that we will not let terrorists effect our airline industry, it is also a waste of resources. The airlines are scaling back flights because people do not want to fly. They can not find enough people to fill a flight so that it would be profitable for the airline to fly. People derive a benefit from flying, and are willing to pay money to receive that benefit. If the airlines can not fill planes, it is because the economic value of the benefits the flight will create are exceeded by the costs. These are flights that should not happen, and they waste resources.

When the federal government subsidizes airline industries, it pays for these flights to take place. It pays for flights which have more costs than benefits. It pays money so we can wind up with less resources than we had before. Why would congress do such a thing? Their justification

is that the airline industry would collapse if not for their aid. This is silly. While personal travel will decline, business travel will probably not be affected much. Moreover, while people can choose to take trains short distances, air travel is still the only realistic way to travel across country. What congress must believe in order to justify their bill is that there will be a huge decrease in demand that will wipe out the airline industry, and people will later see the light and want to travel by air again. And they must also believe that it would cost more than 15 bil-

lion dollars to resurrect the airline industry. Only then would it make sense to spend the 15 billion now. This simply is not the case.

The irony of this whole situation is that governments usually argue that an industry gives some external benefit to society, a benefit that they can not force consumers to pay for, and that is why we should fund that industry. But if anything, the airline industry creates external costs to society that they are not required to pay for. Pollution from their planes, the demolition of a couple of billion dollars of property in Manhattan, and the

death of over 6,000 people are just a few of these costs. I would venture to say that, this month, the societal costs of the airline industry operating were greater than its benefits.

But even if you think bailing out the industry is a good idea, there are some more perverse elements of the bill that you would most likely find objectionable.

Take, for example, the provision that requires airlines to freeze salaries of airline executives. Now is the time that airlines need their best executives. To prohibit them from increasing salaries, to not allow airlines to compete with other industries for the top executives, is counterproductive. Congress should encourage airlines to do what it takes to hire the best possible managers. They need people who can confront the problems that these events have made evident, and provide solutions so that this sort of tragedy never happens again.

A final provision, which seems quite insensitive, is a provision that will allow families to receive compensation from a special government fund if they give up their right to sue airlines. While this is an attempt to streamline the compensation process, it seems downright wrong to ask people who lost a family member to give up their legal rights, to give up their right to seek justice. While the airline industry clearly does not have the main share of culpability here, the victims' families may believe they do. They may feel they owe it to their loved ones who died to hold the airlines accountable for the shortcomings which made these attacks possible. Our government should not try to bribe them to give up this perceived obligation. Often when actions are taken in haste, we later come to regret them. This bill is one such example.

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Sundays: See Avalon below.  
Mondays: *Static*. Gay, casual dress. \$5, 18+.  
Thursdays: *Chrome/Skybar*. Progressive house, soul, disco; dress code. \$10, 19+; \$8, 21+.  
Fridays: *Spin Cycle*. Prog. house, 80s. \$12, 19+; \$10, 21+.

## Avalon

15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424  
Sundays: *Gay Night* (with Axis on long weekends). Featuring hardcore house and techno. \$10, 21+.  
Thursdays: *International Night*. Eurohouse. \$10, 19+.  
Fridays: *Avaland*. House. \$15, 19+.  
Saturdays: *Downtown*. Modern house, club classics, and Top 40 hits. \$15, 21+.

## Karma Club

9 Lansdowne St., 617-421-9595  
Sundays: "Current dance favorites" by guest DJs. Cover varies.  
Tuesdays: *Phatt Tuesdays*. With Bill's bar, modern dance music. \$10.  
Wednesdays: *STP*. Gay-friendly, house. \$15, 21+.  
Thursdays: *Groove Factor*. House.  
Fridays: *Pure*. Drum and bass, guest DJ. \$15, 19+.  
Saturdays: *Elements of Life*. International House. \$15.

## ManRay

21 Brookline St., Cambridge, 617-864-0400

Wednesdays: *Curses*. Goth. Appropriate dress required. \$5, 19+; \$3, 21+.  
Thursdays: *Campus*. Popular tunes + House. Gay, casual dress. \$10, 19+; \$8, 21+.  
Fridays: *Fantasy Factory* (First and third Friday of the month. Features kinky fetishes and industrial music.) *Hell Night* (every second Friday. 19+). Includes Goth music.) *Ooze* (the last Friday of the month.) \$10, 21+; reduced prices for those wearing fetish gear.  
Saturdays: *Liquid*. Disco/hse. + New Wave. \$15, 19+; \$10, 21+.

## Popular Music

## Axis

13 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2437  
Next: 423-NEXT

Oct. 6: Gold Frapp.  
Oct. 7: Bis.  
Oct. 17: Lucky Boys Confusion/Bad Ronald.  
Nov. 9: Social Distortion.

## Avalon

15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424

Sep. 28: Long Beach Dub All Stars  
Oct. 4: St. Germain.  
Oct. 12: Megadeth.  
Oct. 16: Sum 41.  
Oct. 30: They Might Be Giants  
Oct. 31: Cowboy Mouth, Fighting Gravity.

## Berklee Performance Center

Berklee College of Music  
1140 Boylston St.  
Free student recitals and faculty concerts, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. some weekdays. For info on these concerts, call the Performance Information Line at 747-8820.  
Oct. 13: Dulce Pontes.

## Club Passim

47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679

Tuesdays: Open Mic at 8 p.m. (sign up at 7:30). \$5.  
Sep. 28-29: Kevin So.  
Sep. 30: Richard Cambridge's Poet's Theater presents Earth-eart.  
Oct. 1: 2 Song Open Mic featuring Sarah Siskind.  
Oct. 3: Richard Gates Benefit with Louise Taylor, Jim Henry, Deb Pasternak.  
Oct. 4: Anne Heaton.  
Oct. 5: Sonia CD Release, Tim

## On The Town

A weekly guide to the arts in Boston  
September 28 – October 4  
Compiled by Fred Choi

Send submissions to ott@the-tech.mit.edu or by interdepartmental mail to "On The Town," The Tech, W20-483.



Multi-talented musician Robert Randolph (above, not to be confused with the Dean, of course) plays the Paradise Rock Club tonight.

Mason.  
Oct. 6: Paul Rishell and Annie Raines.  
Oct. 7: Jon Svetkey.  
Oct. 10: James O'Brien, Gooselove & Antara.  
Oct. 11: Dave Carter & Tracy Grammer.  
Oct. 12: Carrie Newcomer.  
Oct. 13: Don White.  
Oct. 17: Teddy Goldstein, Brian Webb.

## FleetCenter

Ticketmaster: 931-2000.  
Oct. 2-3: Neil Diamond.  
Oct. 26: Rod Stewart  
Nov. 24: Bob Dylan

## The Middle East

Central Square, 354-8238  
Ticketmaster: 931-2000.

Sep. 28: Uncle Sammy, Ulu.  
Sep. 28: Black Eyed Snakes.  
Sep. 29: Crack Torch, Damn Personal, Lost City Angels.  
Oct. 1: Elephant Men.  
Oct. 2: Quasi.  
Oct. 4: Ass Ponys.  
Oct. 7: Beulah, Mates of State.  
Oct. 8: Explosions In the Sky.  
Oct. 9: Handsome Family, Amor Belhom Duo.  
Oct. 11: Fridge, Charlene, Landing.  
Oct. 12: Scissorfight, Roadsaw.  
Oct. 13: Sleazegridders Wedding Party.  
Oct. 17: Ivy, David Mead.

## Orpheum Theatre

1 Hamilton Pl., Boston, 617-679-0810  
Ticketmaster: 931-2000

Oct. 2: Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds.  
Oct. 5: Travis  
Oct. 10: Judas Priest.  
Oct. 12: Janeane Garofolo.  
Oct. 13: Gov't Mule.

## Sanders Theatre

45 Quincy St., 02138, 617-496-2222

Oct. 12: Waifs and Nerisssa and

Katryna Nields.  
Oct. 13: Four Bitchin Babes.  
Nov. 17: Folk Concert With Cris Williamson.  
Nov. 24: Capitol Steps.

## Wang Center for the Performing Arts

270 Tremont St., Boston 02116, 617-482-9393

Oct. 12: Bjork.  
Oct. 15: Tori Amos.

## Jazz Music

## Regattabar

Concertx: 876-7777  
1 Bennett St., Cambridge 02138, 617-662-5000

Sep. 28-29: Dave Holland Quintet.

## Scullers Jazz Club

DoubleTree Guest Suites, 400 Soldiers Field Rd., Boston, 617-562-4111

Sep. 28: Acoustic Alchemy.  
Oct. 25-26: Dee Dee Bridgewater.

## Classical Music

## Boston Symphony Orchestra

Tickets: 266-1492.  
Performances at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, unless otherwise noted. For MIT Students: Tickets are offered for Thursday evening concerts (8 p.m.) and Friday afternoon concerts (1:30 p.m.) and are available on the day of the concert only at the BSO Box Office at Symphony Hall (301 Mass. Ave. Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.). Two tickets may be obtained with two current valid MIT student IDs, subject to availability. For updated MIT student ticket availability, call 638-9478 after 10 a.m. on the day of concert.

Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.: Seiji Ozawa, conductor; Dawn Upshaw, soprano; Susan Graham, mezzo-soprano; Blythe Danner, narrator. Women of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, John Oliver, conductor. Mendelssohn: Overture and Complete Incidental Music to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Op. 61.

Oct. 5, 6, 9 at 8 p.m.: Seiji Ozawa, conductor; Peter Serkin, piano. Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1, Op. 15; Symphony No. 1, Op. 68. Pre-concert talk by Marc Mandel.

## Theater

## James Joyce's The Dead

At the Huntington Theatre Company, 264 Huntington Ave (Take the Green Line to Symphony). Through Oct. 14. Music by Shaun Davey. After it closed an extended run at Playwright's Horizon off-Broadway, the show moved to a successful run on Broadway, winning a Tony for Best Book. The show is based on James Joyce's brilliant short story. It's set at the Christmas party of Gabriel Conroy's music-loving aunts, where three generations gather each year for a holiday feast. This year, a guest's song awakens a memory for Gabriel's wife and revives a long-buried passion. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2000.

## Sunday in the Park with George

Through Oct. 5: At the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St., Boston. 1985 Pulitzer Prize winning musical portrait of 19th-century artist Georges Seurat, libretto by James Lapine, music by the great Stephen Sondheim. Tickets \$36-\$25; call 617-437-7172.

## Mamma Mia!

Tickets available through Nov. 3, at the Colonial Theater (106 Boylston St.). The threadbare plot of the latest British import (built around classic hits by ABBA) is: Young bride Sophie wants her dad to give her away. But her spunky mom — an ex-nightclub disco singer named Donna — doesn't know who he is. So Sophie secretly invites three of mom's old boyfriends (her possible dads) to her wedding. At first, it's a complete disaster. But Donna and her old backup-singer buddies save the day and transform the island into an ABBA-accompanied silver lami adventure that includes scuba-diver dancers, grooms in bridal gowns and choruses in neon shower caps. An engagingly clever sing-along satire of itself, *Mamma Mia!* makes you move, chuckle, and stomp your platform heels.

## Comedy Connection

Mon.-Wed. at 8 p.m.; Thurs. 8:30 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., 10:15 p.m.; Sun. 7 p.m. The oldest comedy club in Boston showcases big-name, national comedians on weekends and up-and-coming local talent during the week. At 245 Quincy Market Place, Faneuil Hall, Upper Rotunda, Boston. Admission \$10-\$8

(weekend prices vary). Call 248-9700 for more information and a complete schedule.

## Blue Man Group

Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton Street, Boston, indefinitely. Curtain is at 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, at 7 and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 3 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets \$35 to \$45. Call 426-6912 for tickets and information on how to see the show for free by ushering.

## Exhibits

## Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

280 The Fenway, Boston. (566-1401). Tues.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$10 (\$11 on weekends), \$7 for seniors, \$5 for students with ID (\$3 on Wed.), free for children under 18. The museum, built in the style of a 15th-century Venetian palace, houses more than 2,500 art objects, with emphasis on Italian Renaissance and 17th-century Dutch works. Among the highlights are works by Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian, and Whistler. Guided tours given Fridays at 2:30 p.m.

## Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Ave., Boston. (267-9300). Mon.-Tues., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m.-9:45 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. West Wing open Thurs.-Fri. until 9:45 p.m. Admission free with MIT ID, otherwise \$10, \$8 for students and seniors, children under 17 free; \$2 after 5 p.m. Thurs.-Fri., free Wed. after 4 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.: introductory walks through all collections begin at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; "Asian, Egyptian, and Classical Walks" begin at 11:30 a.m.; "American Painting and Decorative Arts Walks" begin at 12:30 p.m.; "European Painting and Decorative Arts Walks" begin at 2:30 p.m.; Introductory tours are also offered Sat. at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Permanent Gallery Installations: "Late Gothic Gallery," featuring a restored 15th-century stained glass window from Hampton Court, 14th- and 15th-century stone, alabaster, and polychrome wood sculptures from France and the Netherlands; "Mummy Mask Gallery," a newly renovated Egyptian gallery, features primitive masks dating from as far

back as 2500 B.C.; "European Decorative Arts from 1950 to the Present"; "John Singer Sargent: Studies for MFA and Boston Public Library Murals." Gallery lectures are free with museum admission.

## Museum of Science

Science Park, Boston. (723-2500). Daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission free with MIT ID, otherwise \$9, \$7 for children 3-14 and seniors.

The Museum features the theater of electricity (with indoor thunder-and-lightning shows daily) and more than 600 hands-on exhibits. Ongoing: "Discovery Center"; "Investigate! A See-For-Yourself Exhibit"; "Science in the Park: Playing with Forces and Motion"; "Seeing Is Deceiving."

Ongoing: "Friday Night Stargazing," Fri., 8:30 p.m.; "Welcome to the Universe," daily; "Quest for Contact: Are We Alone?" daily. Admission to Omni, laser, and planetarium shows is \$7.50, \$5.50 for children and seniors. Current Laser Light shows: *Laser Beastie Boys*, *Laser Ragefest 3*, *Laser Pink Floyd: Dark Side*, *Laser Aerosmith*.

## Other

## A Studio of Her Own: Women Artists in Boston 1870-1940

Through Dec. 2, 2001, at the Museum of Fine Arts. This exhibit presents over eighty of the finest paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts created by women at the turn of the last century. Drawn equally from the MFA's holdings, other museums and institutions, and private collections, the exhibition includes works by over forty artists. While some of them are well known, like Lillian Hale and Anna Vaughn Hyatt, many others remain uncelebrated. No matter the level of their fame, their art represents an aesthetic achievement of great significance and beauty.

## A Dynamic Duo: Jules Dassin and Melina Mercouri

Oct. 4-Oct.24: The Harvard Film Archive presents a selection of films examining the works of director Jules Dassin and Greek actress and singer Melina Mercouri. Over the course of an eclectic directorial career that spans some forty years, Jules Dassin has worked in Hollywood, London, France, and Greece and has directed film noir, comedy, contemporary versions of the Greek classics, documentaries, and political dramas. Melina Mercouri, an acclaimed performer became Deassin's wife and the star of eight of his films. The festival includes screenings of *Phaedra* (1961, Oct. 7-8) and *Never on Sunday* (Pote tin Kyriaki, 1969, Director in presence). Call 617-495-4700 for more info. or visit <www.harvardfilmarchive.org> for a complete schedule. For the screening Oct. 11 tickets may be purchased in advance at the Harvard Box Office.

All festival films will be screened at Harvard Film Archive, located at the lower level of the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St. Cambridge. Tickets \$7, \$5 students, seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the Harvard Box Office, located at: Holyoke Center Arcade, 1350 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. For ticketing info. call 617-496-2222 or TTY: 617-495-1642.

## The Films of Frederick Wiseman

The Museum of Fine Arts offers a complete retrospective of Wiseman's 31 documentaries, every Saturday, through April 14, 2002. At the Remis Auditorium Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 02115 unless otherwise noted. For tickets and more information, call 369-3770. Tickets are \$8, \$7 MFA members, seniors, students.

## Multi-Handicapped

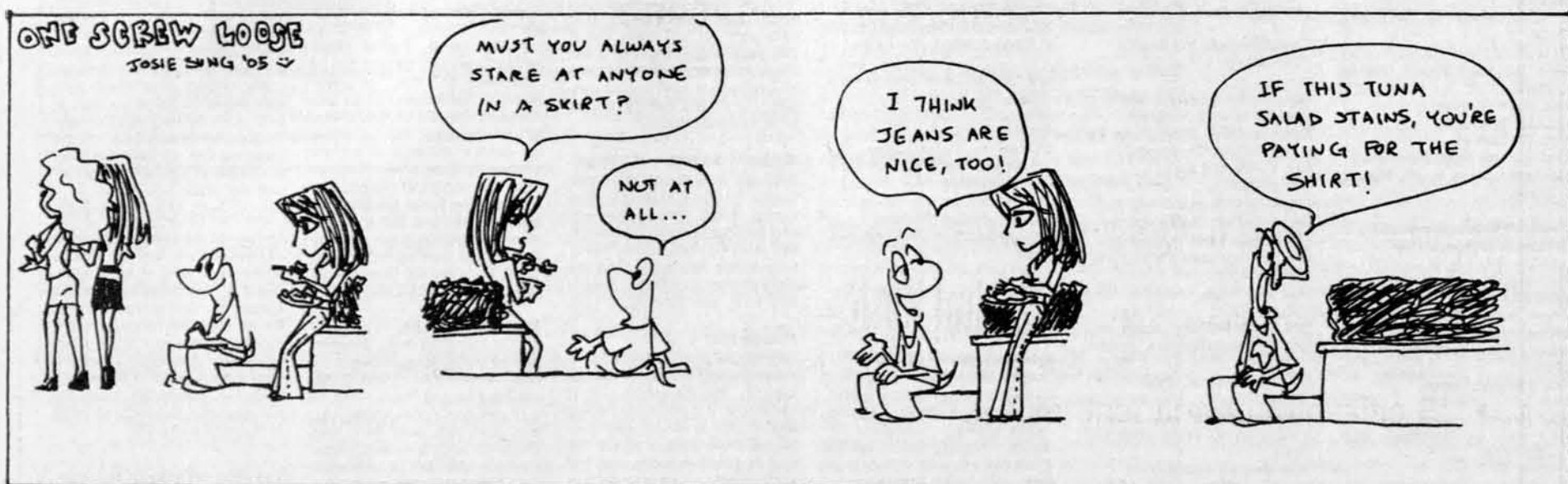
Sep. 29 at 10:30 a.m.: (1986, 126 min.). This film shows the day-to-day activities of multi-handicapped and sensory impaired students and their teachers, dormitory parents, and counselors at the Helen Keller School. The film presents situations involving personal hygiene, mobility training, concepts of time and money, self help and independent living, dormitory life, recreation, sports, vocational training, and psychological counseling. This film will be shown on 16 mm in the Riley Seminar Room

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Through Sep. 30, at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St. The Boston Ballet begins its season with Gerald Arpino's *Suite Saint-Saens*, a ballet so fast and bright that Agnes de Mille once said it was "like standing in a flight of meteors." The evening also includes Bruce Well's Shakespearean familiar romp, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Music by Felix Mendelssohn), a tale of four lovers caught up in the strange enchantment of a midsummer's eve as Oberon, the King of the Fairies, spars with his proud queen, Titania. Buy tickets on-line through Tele-charge (<telecharge.com>) or call 1-800-447-7400.



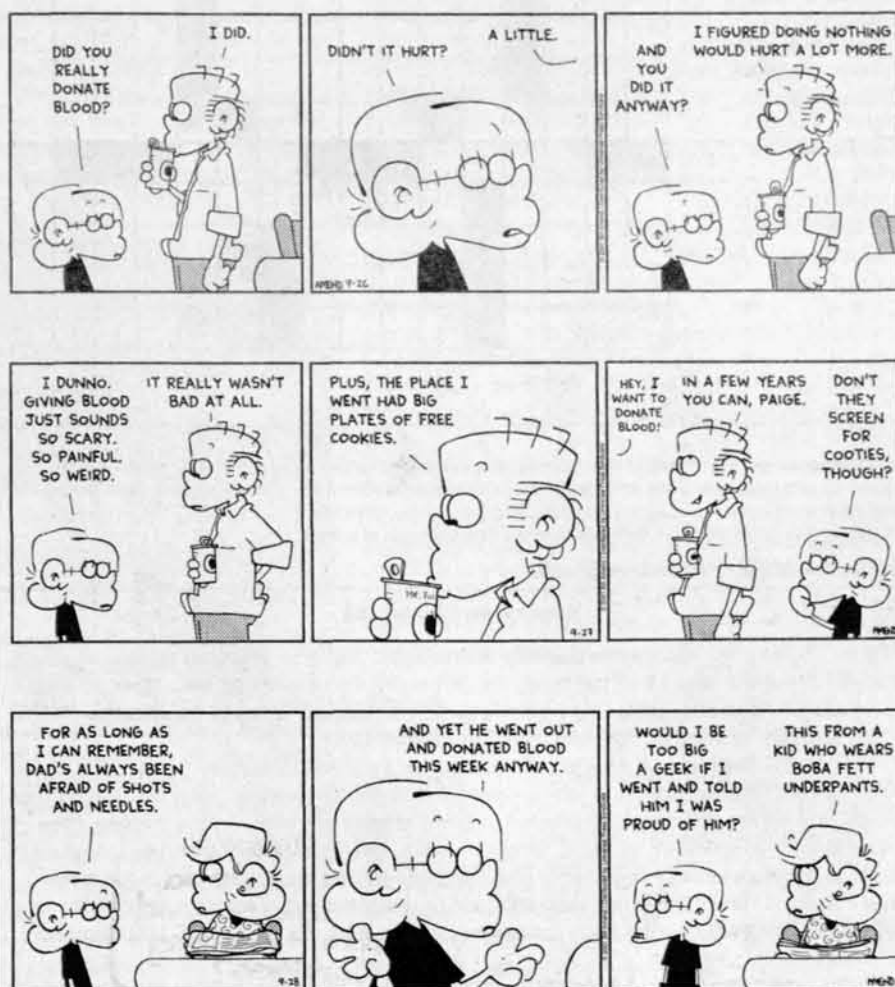
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Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 18

- ACROSS
- 1 Actor Claude

6 Paper tablets

10 Play parts

14 Monks' leader

15 Part of a bow

16 Traditional stories

17 Viscous

18 "\_\_\_ of Green Gables"

19 Concoct

20 Type of guitar

22 Date in March

23 One of the Tweedles?

24 Carson's successor

26 Strikes

29 Standard, briefly

33 Tunes

36 Pers. pension

37 Pre-Socratic philosopher

39 Bikini top

40 Broadcast

41 Pretentious performer

42 Smoked salmon

43 Darjeeling, e.g.

44 Reverse dives

45 Female sheep

46 Greek letter

48 Innermost part

49 Swear

50 Padlock holder

52 Mineral spring

54 Machu Picchu locale

56 Composer

63 Gulf of the

64 Scramble piece

65 Search

66 Itemize

67 Vamoose!

68 Plains tent

69 Dregs

70 Desires

71 Lugers
- DOWN
- 1 Abrasive tool

2 Having the skill

3 In the same place: Lat.

4 Wanderers

5 Technique

6 Builder's map

7 Top-rated

8 Over with

9 Magic formula

10 Unpigmented

11 Distinguished chef

12 Thicket unit

13 Bastes and hems

21 Leon lady

25 Sen. Kefauver

26 Rodeo rope

27 Character in "The Tempest"

28 Repeat, but not verbatim

30 Of the eyes

31 Tanklike animal, briefly

32 Skinflint

34 Expands

35 Jazzy horns

37 Epic tales

38 Accent

47 Does ghost work

49 Stamp a stamp

51 Victimized one

53 Times gone by

54 Number of votes cast

55 Ashtabula's lake

57 Human parasites

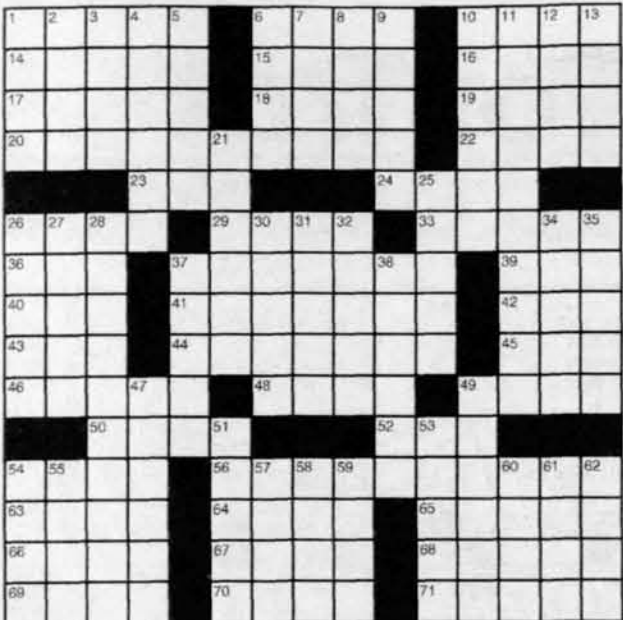
58 Enthusiastic vigor

59 Tennis units

60 Idiot

61 Felt regret

62 Minerals in the raw



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Friday, September 28

- 12:10 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - **GABLES Monthly Lunch.** GABLES is the Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian Employees and Supporters group. Each month, on the last working day, we gather to enjoy lunch and the company of our colleagues and friends. Occasionally there are discussions of topical interest, however the focus of this event is social. The organization also works to advance the interests of GBLT employees at MIT. The lunches are open to anyone in the wider MIT community interested in our work. We have often welcomed guests from other universities and their friends.. The cost of your lunch. Room: A variety of local eateries. Sponsor: GABLES.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **Frontiers of Biotechnology Lecture, "Microfabricated Tools for Biotechnology"** . 3rd Annual Frontiers of Biotechnology Lecture, Chemical Engineering Department. free. Room: E51-115. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **Mechanical Engineering Seminar.** "Exploiting Elasticity in Engineering Design: Synthesis and Applications". free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: ME Seminar Series.
- 5:00 p.m. - **Arts Grant Deadline.** Deadline for 2001-2002 Council for the Arts funding. Forms available at the Office of the Arts, E15-205.. Room: E15-205. Sponsor: Council for the Arts at MIT.
- 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - **MIT Anime Club Weekly Screening.** Most screenings are subtitled in English. The MIT Anime Club is a non-profit MIT student organization dedicated to increasing the awareness of Japanese animation (anime) on campus. free. Room: Rm 6-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.
- 7:00 p.m. - **LSC Presents: A Knight's Tale.** Inspired by "The Canterbury Tales," this is the story of William (Heath Ledger), a young squire with a gift for jousting. After his master dies suddenly, the squire hits the road with his cohorts Roland and Wat. On the journey, they stumble across an unknown writer, Chaucer. William, lacking a proper pedigree, convinces Chaucer to forge genealogy documents that will pass him off as a knight. With his newly-minted history in hand, the young man sets out to prove himself a worthy knight at the country's jousting competition, and finds romance along the way. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - **Asian Gourmet: Chinese Style.** Our first event of the year! Come and see what we have in store for the semester. Meet new club members over some delicious Chinese food. Free. Room: Next House Country Kitchen. Sponsor: Epicurean, The.
- 7:00 p.m. - **Ptolemy Players: B Sides.** Chamber music by Byrd, Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Britten and the Beatles performed by an ensemble made up of MIT students, alumni and affiliates. free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Ptolemy Players.
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - **Falun Gong Exercise workshop.** The Falun Gong exercise is an easy and effective way to relieve stress and improve physical and mental health. Millions of people in over 40 countries practice these 5 sets of gentle movements. free. Room: 1-242. Sponsor: Falun Dafa Club.
- 7:30 p.m. - **Natyanjali.** A presentation of the various classical dance styles of India by MIT students. \$7, \$5 MIT student or faculty. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Bharatha Naatyam Clum.
- 10:00 p.m. - **LSC Presents: A Knight's Tale.** See 7:00p description. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
- **Men's Tennis ITA New England Div. III Championships.** free. Room: Tennis Courts. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
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Saturday, September 29

- 1:00 p.m. - **Field Hockey vs. Springfield.** free. Room: Barry Turf Field. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
- 1:00 p.m. - **Men's Soccer vs. SUNY - Plattsburgh.** free. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
- 7:00 p.m. - **LSC Presents: A.I. Artificial Intelligence.** A film conceived by the cinematic genius Stanley Kubrick and completed by Steven Spielberg. Stars Haley Joel Osment as a David Swinton, an 11-year-old living in a post-apocalyptic world sometime in the future. In his world, because of global warming melting the earth's ice caps, water covers most of the earth. Therefore, a race of robots (Artificial Intelligence) have been constructed to help maintain human life. David goes out on an emotional journey to try to discover if he can ever become more than a machine. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
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- 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - **Patrol.** Shoot your friends! Travel to strange, new classrooms; meet interesting, unusual people; and kill them. A team game of shoot-em-up; guns provided. free. Room: Building 36, First Floor. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.
- 8:00 p.m. - **Indian Cinema: "Encounters with Modernity"** . "Shakespeare Wallah" (Ivory-Merchant). Indian Film Series. free. Room: Rm 4-237. Sponsor: Center for International Studies, International Film Club.
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Sunday, September 30

- 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **Ballroom Dancing Workshops.** Beginner ballroom dance steps will be taught. There will also be a new focus on developing techniques as well. Open to everyone. No experiences necessary. No partners required. Visit our website for pricings. Room: Visit our website for venues. Sponsor: Ballroom Dance Club.
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Monday, October 1

- 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - **Web Publishing Overview.** A prerequisite for the Web Publishing: Basics course, this three-hour lecture/demonstration session gives an overview of the electronic publishing process as it works at MIT, focusing on: how to code files using HTML tags (HTML, the HyperText Markup Language, is the standard for publishing on the web); how to upload files to the Athena system for delivery through MIT's primary web server, web.mit.edu. Special attention is paid to issues affecting web sites at MIT (MITnet rules of use, Athena file conventions, special services available on web.mit.edu, etc.). free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.
- 2:00 p.m. - **Test series.** sad. free. Sponsor: Web Communications Services (WCS).
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **STS Colloquium.** "Three Roots of Human Recency: Molecular Anthropology, the Refigured Acheulean, and the UNESCO Response to Auschwitz". free. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: STS.
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **"Local estimates for a class of nonlinear PDEs arising from conformal geometry."** free. Room: MIT Room 2-143. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **Continuum Seminar Series: A gradient theory of single-crystal plasticity that accounts for geometrically necessary dislocations.** This talk discusses the kinematics of geometrically necessary dislocations (GNDs) and develops a concomitant gradient theory that accounts for GNDs within a thermomechanical framework. The theory is based on classical macroforces; microforces for each slip system consistent with a microforce balance; a mechanical version of the second law that includes, via the microforces, work performed during slip; a rate-dependent constitutive theory that includes dependences on a tensorial measure of geometrically necessary dislocations. The microforce balances are equivalent to nonlocal (pde) yield conditions for the individual slip systems. To make contact with classical dislocation theory, the microstresses are shown to represent counterparts of the Peach-Koehler force on a single dislocation. Some numerical comparisons with discrete-dislocation theory will be discussed, if time permits. Room: 3-370. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept.
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **EECS Colloquium Series.** Cryptography - Science or Magic?. free. Room: 34-101 (Edgerton Hall). Sponsor: EECS.
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **Opening of MIT's newest Graduate Student Residence.** Come celebrate the opening of MIT's newest Graduate Student Residence. Refreshments and tours of the residence will be available. free. Room: First floor of 224 Albany Street. Sponsor: Information Center.
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# New Administrators Join MIT Community

## New Faces in the Administration Hope to Bring About More Student-Faculty Interaction

By Jing-Helen Tang

Everyone at MIT knows the name "Charles M. Vest," but how many people know who Barbara A. Baker is? How about Claude R. Canizares, or Kim R. Beamon? These administrators can be just as important to students as the President, Provost, or Chancellor, but most students probably do not even recognize their names.

Baker is the new Associate Dean and Director for Student Life Programs. Canizares was recently named Associate Provost, replacing Professor Phillip L. Clay PhD



NATHAN A. COLLINS—THE TECH  
**Associate Dean for Student Life Programs Barbara A. Baker**

'75, who now serves as Chancellor. Beamon is the new Associate Dean and Director for the Office of Minority Education.

Students often do not know the new faculty members on campus, but anyone who wishes to plan an event, voice an opinion regarding space allocation, or get help on an assignment should know the administrators who are available to help.

**Baker wants students to reach out**

Baker hopes to work closely with students to build a "sense of support and trust ... and a sense of community on campus within both the residential and the FSILG system."

The Office of Student Life Programs, which operates under Dean Larry G. Benedict's Office for Student Life, works to encourage and support student participation in activities outside of classrooms and to provide assistance to student concerned with their living options.

"Our focus is to help students appreciate all the learning outside the classroom and laboratories," Baker said.

With the upcoming changes in orientation and housing selection in 2002, the office is busy planning for next year's freshmen orientation, especially with FSILGs.

"We have a wonderful opportunity for FSILGs to think through what they are offering to the students at MIT ... what's special and unique about them to attract students to live there. We will help them out in sorting through their questions," said Baker.

Baker oversees the five main branches of Student Life Programs: Public Service Center, Student Activities, Residential Programs, FSILGs, and Finance. Prior to MIT, Baker worked at Duke University as Dean of Student Development and Residential Education.

Other new members to Student Life Programs include David N. Rogers, new FSILG Dean and Director, Lisa M. Walsh, new FSILG Operations Coordinator, Linda Noel, new Program Coordinator for Student Activities, and four new Residential Life Associates, Anthony E. Gray PhD '01, Chandra L. Mincher, Gabrielle Pardo, and Aaradhana Prajapati.

**Canizares tackles space issues**

Canizares, who is currently Director of the Center for Space Research, takes great interest in MIT's own space problems.

"Space is the hardest problem. No matter what we do, space is limited, residential and non-residential. We try hard to do space planning and renovation to fit well with goal of the Institute and promote more interaction between faculty, student and staff," Canizares said. "The best conversations are ones that are spontaneous and casual ... like chemical reactions."

Canizares currently chairs the Institute's Committee on Resource and Space Planning. This year, he also takes on the new responsibility of maintaining good communication between Washington and the Institute.

"MIT has a very important role in being a spokesperson for research universities in this coun-

try and playing a role in shaping science policy. People in Washington do not really understand the connection between education and research, and we need to make sure they do not hamper free exchange of information on campus," Canizares said.

In the past, Canizares has had extensive contact with Washington, NASA and the National Science Foundation. He believes his experience in dealing with Washington's agencies makes him well-suited for this new responsibility.

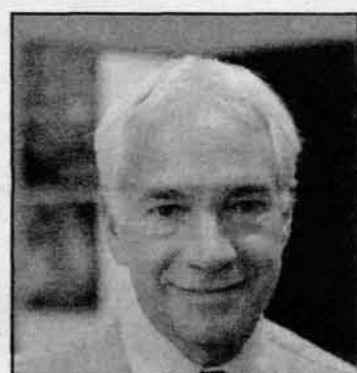
"When every senior official is elected, the job reflects what is needed and what their skill and experiences are," Clay said.

"I've lived through five directors. I think Claude has been the most effective and will do a fantastic job. It's unfortunate that he's leaving the center because he's irreplaceable," said Professor of Physics Walter H. G. Lewin.

Taotao Fang G, a postdoctoral associate at the Center for Space Research said that Canizares has given good insight and has been encouraging as an associate advisor.

"[There is] a steep learning curve to climb. I'm a freshman in my job, starting my first semester, and have a lot to learn and look forward to," said Canizares.

A recognized Bruno Rossi Professor of Physics, Canizares said that, in addition to his new responsibility, he will continue his current positions as the associate director for the Chandra X-ray



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**Professor Claude R. Canizares, Director for Space Research**

Observatory Center, and, until a new appointment has been made, as the director for the Center for Space Research.

Before coming to MIT to work as a postdoctoral fellow in 1971 and later becoming a faculty member in 1974, Canizares received BA, AM, and PhD degrees from Harvard University.



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**Assistant Dean of Minority Education Kim R. Beamon**  
Beamon brings experience to OME

Beamon noticed a great problem at the Office of Minority Education. "One of the things I think is important is how the community viewed our office. Sometimes people put a boundary round the office ... thinking that's not for me. They should come and see our office instead of deciding beforehand who they think we are. We are here for the students, the faculty. We are not unlike the other offices. Our focus is to help, academically, socially and emotionally," Beamon said.

The OME offers tutorial, counseling, internship and Seminar XL. Hoping to broaden the sense of community around the office, Beamon invites student to take advantage of the resources her office offers. Even if one is not considered under-represented, she said that they should still come and tutor.

"Kim brings a lot of experience, pragmatically and socially," said Leo Osgood, Director of Office of Minority Education. According to Osgood, Kim Beamon came ahead of the other candidates after a yearlong search conducted with "due diligence" by students, administrators and faculty.

Beamon previously worked as the clinical supervisor for the Boston Public School's Comprehensive School-Age Parenting Program.

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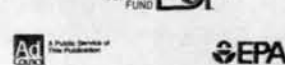
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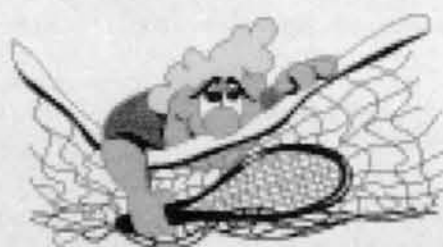
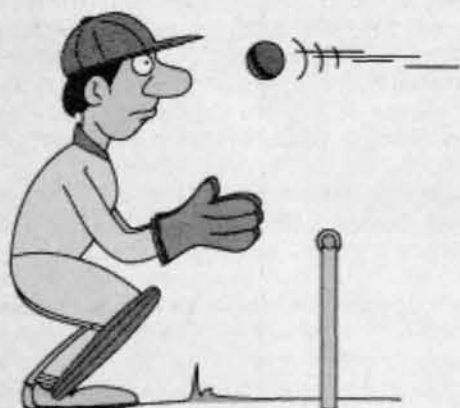
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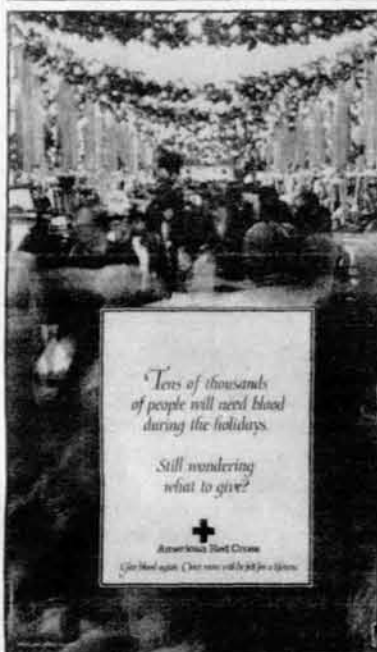
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# CMI Sends 33 MIT Students to Cambridge

## Cambridge Students, Program Alums Offer Encouragement to Departing Engineers

By Christine R. Fry

The Cambridge-MIT Institute (CMI) student exchange program held a celebration Wednesday evening to officially send off the 27 MIT students who left Thursday to spend the next year at Cambridge University in England. The celebration was also an opportunity to extend yet another welcome to the 33 Cambridge University students who have already begun their year at MIT.

The CMI exchange program began last year when nine MIT students ventured to Cambridge to spend the year studying in their respective majors. This year the program was expanded to accommodate a total of 60 transfer students. Although there are currently only seven MIT departments that are participating in the exchange, Kirk D. Kolenbrander, Associate Program Director of CMI, hopes that the program will expand even more in the coming years. The main difficulty in expanding the program is coordinating the curriculum at the two schools so that students won't have much difficulty receiving appropriate credit for coursework.

"Ideally, within the next year or so, any MIT undergraduate who wishes to participate will be able to," Kolenbrander said.

### Vest wishes students farewell

Many high-ranked MIT administrators attended the celebration, including President Charles M. Vest. Vest, in his speech to the group, called the program "an alliance of two great institutions."

"This has really been a dream, a labor of love," Vest said enthusiastically to the crowd.

The program director on the



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Dean for Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine spoke at the Cambridge-MIT Institute farewell dinner on Wednesday.

Cambridge University side, David Good, was also excited about the program as he spoke to the exchange students.

"You're the builders now. It's up to you."

In addition to brief speeches by administrators, the exchange students from last year were allowed to share their experiences through a video. The video was a collection of short skits with topics ranging from one student's addiction to operas and ballet to "How to speak English."

### Previous students offer advice

Before and after the speeches, the current and former exchange students could be seen swapping stories and tips for surviving Cambridges on either side of the ocean.

The MIT students who will be attending Cambridge this year were encouraged to ask the Cambridge students for advice on life in England.

"Play hard in your first term," Cambridge University student Faryal Khattak suggested. Khattak described Cambridge, England as "quaint" and "old school."

Kristen L. Clements '02, one of last year's participants, noted that the biggest difference between MIT and Cambridge was the attitudes of the students. According to Clements, MIT students tend to try to fit into their schedules as many activities, both academic and extracurricular, as they possibly can. She said that at Cambridge she had more time for social activities such as three or four course dinners

where students wore their "smart clothes." These dinners, called formal halls, were an opportunity for students to get to know each other.

Some students were still worried about the journey ahead. Brett A. Whittemore '03 is an MIT student who is participating in the exchange this year. His main worry about the exchange is the transition to the Cambridge curriculum. Whittemore says that the classes he will be taking at Cambridge in Course 6, are more electrical engineering-oriented than his classes at MIT.

Cambridge exchange student Ben S.R. Lishman is optimistic about the MIT exchange students' success.

"I think they'll be fine. If we're managing to get by at MIT, they'll be fine at Cambridge," he said.

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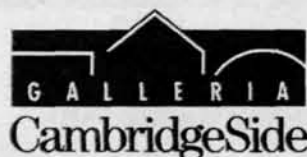
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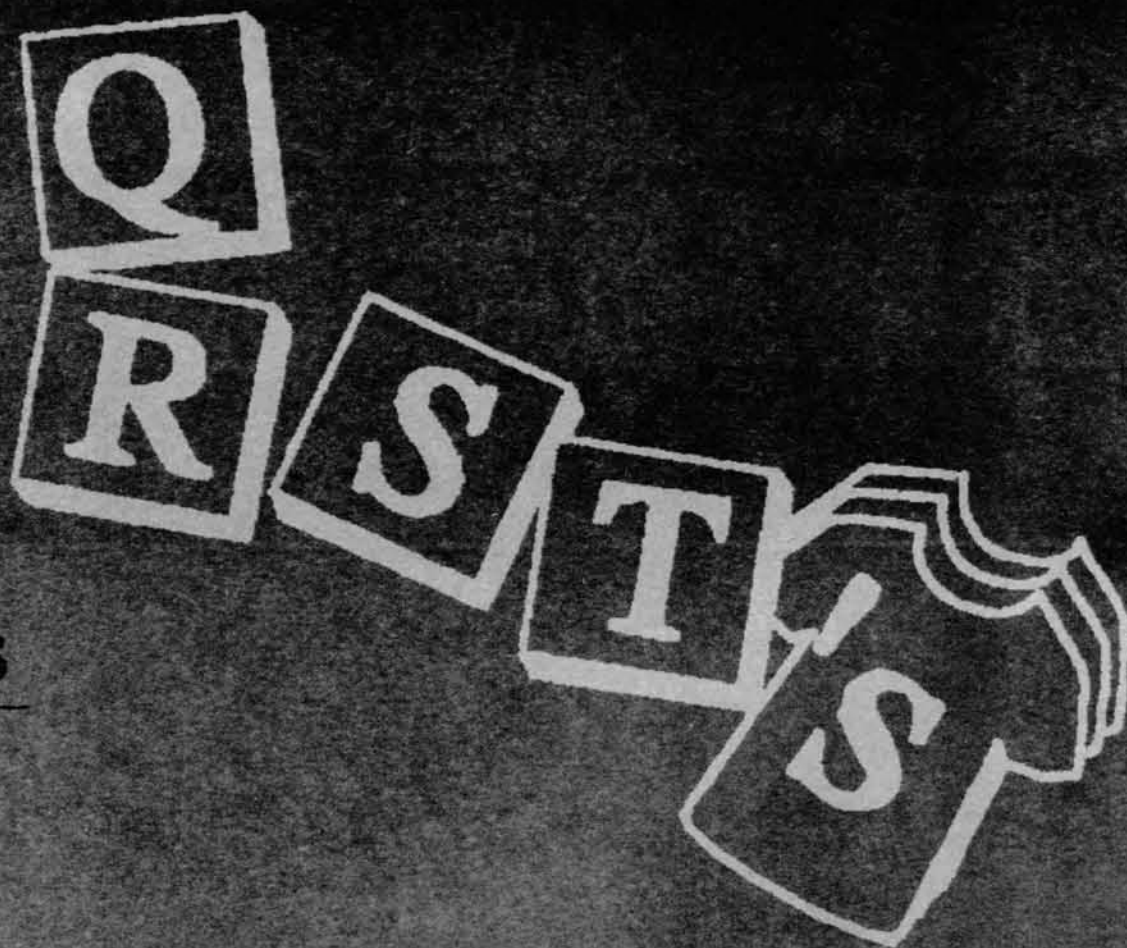
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# Women's Crew Team Tries to Enter Div I

NCAA Rules Prohibit Interdivisionary Play

By Vincent Chen

In order to improve coaching and practice opportunities for Varsity Women's Crew, MIT has decided to petition the National Collegiate Athletic Association for reclassification at the Division I level.

"We, as an institution, wish to preserve the strong traditions of rowing at the EAWRC [Eastern Association of Women's Rowing Colleges] sprints level of competition," said Director of Athletics Candace L. Royer.

For the 2001-2002 year, MIT women will continue to abide by the regulations of NCAA Division III. However, they intend to petition the NCAA for an exception regarding the last portion of the season. Interim Head Coach Sarah Lynch said, "We're going to compete at the Division III level this year, but will seek special status so we can compete at the IRA [Intercollegiate Rowing Association] championships."

Under current regulations, MIT's season would end with NCAA championships. However, MIT wants to let lightweight women rowers compete in the IRA championship in May.

## New NCAA rules prompt move

MIT's decision to petition was sparked by two changes that the NCAA made last year, the first of which established a separate Division III championship in women's crew. The second change limited the practice hours of all Division III teams. Until last year, there was only one level of competition for women's rowing, so MIT competed against Division I schools.

"This never was an issue before last year," Lynch said. "They created a Division III national championships this year. Before now, there was only one NCAA Championships."

Women's crew competed in the Eastern Sprints race at the end of the crew season in May, but of the 18 schools that participate in that race,

MIT was the only university classified as Division III. In January, the NCAA Division III membership voted to limit the seasons of all sports at Division III schools to a maximum of twenty-one weeks. This affects all NCAA teams at MIT.

However, some teams at MIT compete in the National Collegiate Championships despite being classified as Division III teams, and prior to this decision, they had been allowed to practice up to twenty-six weeks in a year. Now they will be limited to twenty-one weeks, which puts them at a disadvantage relative to their Division I rivals who will still be allowed twenty-six weeks.

Every Division III institution is allowed to petition to have a men's and a women's team reclassified. After filing the application, there will be a waiting period during which the transition to Division I would be made.

## MIT debates merits of Division I

Some question whether MIT should have any Division I teams, since the Institute is a Division III university. However, Royer said, "We believe that this decision is in the best interest of MIT oarswomen and oarsmen, and that our basic commitment to the Division III philosophy of participation and promoting excellence in athletics while preserving academic integrity will not be compromised."

The move has been considered since the NCAA decisions last year placed MIT women's crew in Division III. "This rowing program has competed at the elite level since the beginning, and being Division I will allow that sort of competition to continue," Lynch said. "We'll be able to race against the best schools in the country at the Division I level."

Men's crew is not affected since it is not a NCAA-sanctioned sport. Rather, men's crew is part of the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges. Men's crew follows rules similar to those of NCAA Division I teams.

# RLSLP Will Continue With IFC Roundtables

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Sawicki hopes that the IFC will use the results of next year's rush to determine how he will modify rush for the following year. "It might take 4 or 5 years to hammer the process down," he said.

## Fall rush versus year-round

The proposal deals primarily with fall rush, as Sawicki said that FSILGs hope to attract freshman at the start of the year. "The majority of it is that we feel that the earlier we get involved in someone's freshman year, the more we can help them out," he said.

He thinks that spring rush will probably be run in a similar manner to fall rush, making an additional proposal for spring rush unnecessary. Baxter said that the most successful FSILGs will learn to spread their recruitment efforts over the whole year.

She believes that a year-round rush will put less pressure on FSILGs, while allow them to get to know freshmen better before giving them bids. "As it stands, I think that you guys work so hard over the first few weeks. With this new system, it pays for you to be as invested as possible throughout the school year," she said. "Spend more time getting to know the people you offer bids to."

## Roundtables focus on transition

Baxter has planned several round-

table discussions that allow FSILG members to discuss issues relating to the 2002 transition.

At the first event, held Wednesday night in 20 Chimneys, Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones discussed the changing demographic of the freshman class. "The housing system as we have known it belonged to a different era," Jones said.

Jones said that housing and the quality of the campus was the number two reason that admittees gave last year for not choosing to attend MIT. Ten years ago, this complaint was not even on the list. "Freshmen say, why do I need 27 choices? Just give me a room," she said.

In order to distinguish themselves, particularly when freshmen live on campus and pledge non-residentially, FSILGs will need to offer significantly more than just a place to live.

Jones said that freshmen have become much more interested in community service, an area in which FSILGs are active. "These kids are about community service," she said.

Students have also become more interested in brand, which is something that greek letters can provide. "You guys have a brand, and these kids are extremely brand-conscious," she said.

The next roundtable, which focuses on budgeting for 2002 and beyond, will take place on October 10.



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# 2005 Elections Yield Partial Class Council

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involved specifically courting voters during the paper balloting phase of the election.

"The decision of the Judboard was completely subjective and incompetent," said Kanamori. "The idea of redoing this is ridiculous. It was the strategy of Jesse and I to focus on getting paper ballot votes while other people worked for online votes. I spent half my money yesterday, worked since 3 a.m. Thursday on posters and spent my entire day campaigning ... now I am trying to be taken down."

Alejandro said, "I spent \$50 on candy and spent 6 straight hours in the hallway, which was all thrown away."

Alejandro said that Judboard's decision seems considerably harsh. Earlier in the campaign, he was censured for posting too early. "I was not made aware of the rules when I went to pick up my campaign packet, unlike other candidates. I then began posting around midnight, and when I realized I made a mistake, I took them down the next morning and wrote an apology. Yet I was still punished."

Both candidates remarked how campaigning tomorrow will be tougher and different for all candidates. "This decision completely ignores the money and effort we put into Thursday's campaign, and we do not have the ability to put such effort into Friday's campaign. Plus we all have tests tomorrow, which makes campaigning much tougher."

Kanamori accused Judboard of "picking favorites." He said, "I placed two or three posters on construction ... while other candidates spammed entire dormitories and were only forced to write letters of apology ... I'm worried that should this have happened to someone else, this may not have happened," Kanamori said. Alejandro also noted that Judboard has shown inconsistency in its rulings, citing a pair of e-mail violations which he felt were similar in nature. According to the UA web site, Shima Goswami '05 was removed from the ballot for class Secretary due to soliciting votes via e-mail before the beginning of the campaign period. Judboard ruled that Dexter Ang '05, candidate for class President, violated election rules by sending an e-mail to the freshmen list for Baker House. Ang was required to send an apology to the list and received an official warning, but was not removed from the ballot.

"I understand the actions of some candidates, because they are competitive, but I do not understand why the UA is trying to be subjective and spur of the moment here, not acting wisely," Alejandro said.

Kanamori and Alejandro are

drafting a petition to reverse the decision of the Judboard and to reimburse all candidates for the money they spent to campaign on Thursday. They argue that a decision should have been reached before the UA even opened the ballot box.

Other people disagree with Kanamori and Alejandro's assessment of the situation, and were distressed by their proximity to the voting booth. "They could have greatly affected the outcome of the election if people are voting while someone is campaigning right by where you place your ballot," said Scott M. Edinburgh '05, a candidate for Treasurer. "This is why such practices are not allowed here and in other elections."

Another student who wished to remain anonymous stated that he/she noticed a Judboard official approach the two candidates and ask them to move from Lobby 10. The two subsequently moved down the Infinite Corridor adjacent to the lobby. "I think their actions violated the spirit of the campaign and they should be treated as such," the student said.

## Four class council offices filled

The election commission tallied votes for the four other class council positions and announced official results. Alexis R. Desieno '05 won the Vice Presidency, Shiela M. Krishna '05 was named Secretary, Joyce Y. Chung '05 and Kathy H. Li '05 will serve as Publicity Coordinators, and Jocelyn K. D'Arcy '05 and Elizabeth C. Lawes '05 as Social Chairs.

"I was excited, but even more surprised," said Desieno. "The campaigns were above and beyond anything I saw in high school, and everyone was very qualified. The whole campaign was very hardcore, with people being turned in and being kicked off the ballots. I tried to take a more laid back approach with my campaign ... but I wanted to do something unique to stand out." Desieno is glad to have the opportunity to tackle the food issues that are at the forefront of many student discussions on campus today.

Krishna said that the campaign as a whole went well, "there were a few issues with violations, but people ran some clean campaigns and we can pride ourselves on that," she said. She also wanted to congratulate everyone who ran because "running takes guts." She hopes to meet with the other officers soon. "I really don't like this idea that MIT is hell, and I want to see what we can do about it."

The UA has yet to set a schedule for the tallying of tomorrow's ballots and the announcement of the winners of the two seats in question.

# MacGregor Houses ATO Pledges

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players and parents of the Cambridge Youth Soccer team he coaches.

"Punishing ATO is one thing, but this suspension has had a negative impact well beyond our brotherhood. We've had to disrupt the schedules of friends, families, and everyone else who depends on us," Barnes said.

All of the brothers agree that this "punishment does not fit the crime." However, they do feel that MIT has been as supportive as they could be with their dealings with the CLC.

"MIT would never leave us homeless," Gluck said. The dining office implemented Dean Larry G. Benedict's decision to provide ATO with \$200 meal cards for their twenty day suspension, since they could not utilize their kitchen during that time.

Benedict also offered to house

new pledges in MacGregor during the 20 day suspension.

## Freshmen guaranteed housing

In the dim lighting of the former MacGregor lounges, three beds are lined up side by side, and two ATO brothers crouch over the laptop computer they managed to bring from their house. The general attitude of the room is somber as the freshmen talk about the punishment they must serve for an incident that happened well before they arrived at MIT.

"We weren't even around for the incident. I feel if MIT didn't give us housing we would be homeless like the rest of the brothers," Jesse D. Chandler '05 said.

"It's the little things like staples and cups and bowls. Or, if I want to ask one of my brothers for help on a problem set. We don't have that anymore," said Daniel S. Cohen '05.

Cohen also feels that this has had

a detrimental effect on the brotherhood. "This has really impacted the brotherhood. I miss my roommates. I was just getting to know them and when we go back we're switching rooms so I feel like I won't get to know them as well as I could have," Cohen said. He claims that they are trying to maintain the brotherhood by eating meals together at Lobdell, Baker Dining, and Courses.

The freshmen only resided in the house for three weeks before they were asked to leave. Originally, the suspension was to take place on September 1st, but at the request of Benedict, and Jeffrey J. Billing G, CLC postponed the suspension until September 18.

CLC also attempted to ease the suspension by allowing the brothers into the house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day, but many brothers do not have the chance to go back during those times because of classes.

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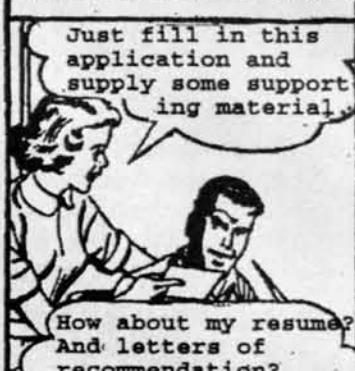
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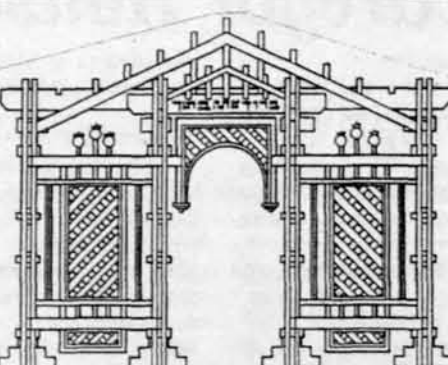
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# City Council Debate Focuses on Housing

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been endorsed by the liberal Cambridge Civic Association (CCA), the Lavender Alliance, and several local unions. Murphy bills himself as a "pragmatic progressive."

Another candidate with an inside track is E. Denise Simmons. Currently a member of the school committee, she lists her ten years of experience working with the city council as an outstanding feature. She has raised nearly \$30,000, and also has the CCA and Lavender Alliance endorsements.

Capitalizing on the success of Ralph Nader's presidential campaign in Cambridge, Green Party candidate Steve Iskovitz hopes to bring the Green vision to local politics. His platform includes the re-election of rent control, promotion of clean transportation, and the preservation of parks and open spaces.

Running for the second time is Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority policeman Helder "Sonny" Peixoto. He is running an outspoken campaign which is focused on fighting for Cambridge's poor and powerless. "I have a lot of the family vote: working mothers and low income people," he said.

As a policeman, public safety is also high on his agenda. "If elected, the first thing I will do is remove the current police commissioner, Peixoto said. "He is not doing his job."

Another prominent community activist is John Pitkin, currently president of the Mid-Cambridge Homeowners Association. He is running to set up a more organized city planning process focused on improving quality of life for Cambridge neighborhoods. "Without an overall approach, you can have developments like Kendall Square: cold streetscapes, huge buildings, and no open spaces," he said.

## Housing the biggest issue

All of the candidates acknowledge that the cost of housing is the primary issue facing Cambridge.

"You have families that have lived in the city for generations who can no longer afford to do so," Murphy said. "It's a critical need of the city to maintain its economic diversity."

A tool the Council can use is the Community Preservation Act, a ballot initiative that will be up for a vote in November. It lets the city levy a three percent surcharge on property taxes for use in subsidized rent, public housing, and other affordable housing programs. If Cambridge passes the initiative, it will also receive matching funds

from the state.

Despite these measures, the candidates acknowledge that it is an uphill battle. "These programs don't go very far to meet the problem," Pitkin said. "They do a lot for a small number of people, but we need more broad-based programs that do a small amount for a larger group of people."

The more radical Iskovitz would like to bring back rent control, which was abolished in 1995. Murphy takes a more practical, ad hoc approach. "I don't think that that's politically feasible right now," he said. "It's got to be done family-by-family."

Another related issue is university expansion. "I have a major problem with Harvard University," said Peixoto, referring to the school's aggressive real estate acquisitions that have some local residents up in arms. The acquisitions have squeezed the housing market, and because Harvard doesn't pay property taxes, many people feel that it isn't making a fair contribution to the community. "Harvard is a 19 billion dollar corporation that needs to be reined in," Peixoto said.

## MIT students apathetic

MIT typically suffers from abysmal voter turnout. In 1999, the two precincts containing all of the student dormitories reported a mere 402 ballots, despite the candidacy of MIT student Eric C. Snowberg '99.

Students' lack of involvement has allowed City Councillors to safely ignore the interests of students. This has contributed to the closing of the Massachusetts Avenue firehouse serving MIT and the lack of bicycle paths around the campus.

The Council is elected by proportional representation. Voters rank their favorite candidates. To win, a candidate needs to be ranked in the top nine or ten on at least a tenth of the ballots. This approach ensures that minority constituencies can have a seat on the council. It also ensures a wild, wide-open race.

"The system of proportional representation means we are sort of flying blind," Murphy said.

Voters must be U.S. citizens over the age of 18 and residents of Cambridge. They can register in person at the City Hall Annex on 51 Inman Street, or they can fill out mail-in registration forms available at any post office, public school or public library. The deadline for registering is October 19.

The MIT College Democrats will have a voter registration booth in Lobby 10 as the registration deadline approaches.

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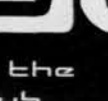
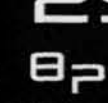
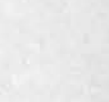
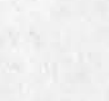
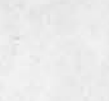
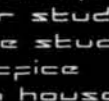
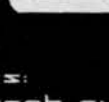
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## SPORTS

## Football Hopes for UMass Win

Beavers Plan to Break Dartmouth Offense, End Losing Streak

By Spencer Cross

TEAM MEMBER

This weekend, the MIT football team is looking to end its two game losing skid by beating UMass Dartmouth in a conference league game.

This will not be an easy task as UMass Dartmouth is coming off of a big win over Mass. Maritime, and wants to keep the momentum flowing. On the other hand, the Beavers are looking to create a little momentum of their own.

The Beavers are in good spirit after the last two losses to Curry and Salve Regime (both of whom are undefeated.) In fact, there is a growing feeling among the team that this weekend could be the game in which MIT's season is turned around. This feeling is more than just words, though, as the practices have been reflecting the combative nature of the team.

Rarely does a play in practice go by without players encouraging each other on in preparation for this Saturday.

"The team is determined to do whatever it takes to turn the program around," said outside linebacker Alexander T. Karnal '04. "Expect nothing less on Saturday."

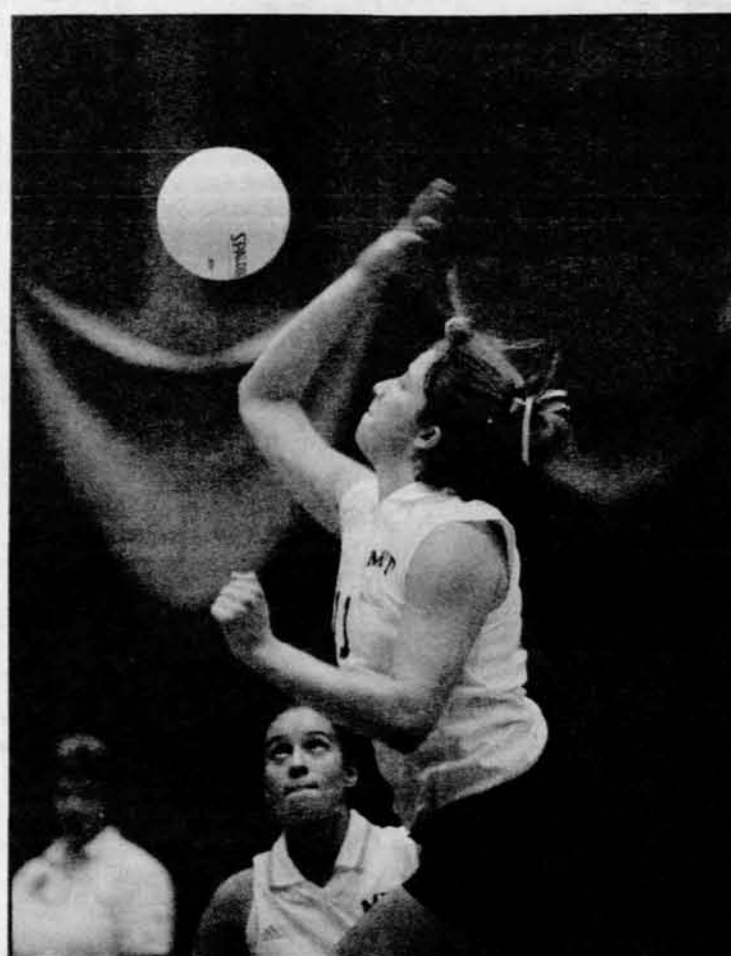
Defensively, the Beaver are preparing for the passing attack of UMass Dartmouth led by John Falcone. Falcone is ranked third in passing in the New England Football Conference and he will be looking for his star receiver Joe Sabina, who averages 5.7 catches per game and has 272 yards this season.

Falcone and Sabina will be facing stiff competition, however, from MIT cornerbacks Yoshitaka Nakanishi '02 and Corey D. Carter '03. Along with Brian D. Hoying '03 at free safety, MIT has had a stingy passing coverage that has been able to adapt on a week-by-week basis to prevent opposing

teams from quickly moving the ball in the air. This week should prove to be no exception.

On the run attack, the MIT linebackers have had a good year at stuffing the run, and are ready for whatever UMass Dartmouth runs at them.

Offensively, the Beavers are trying to keep the momentum from last games second half. While it struggled in the first half against Curry, the offense was able to explode in the second half with key receptions by Robert R. Owsley '02 and Gregory N. Nelson '02. When not in the air, the ball was in good hands, with exceptionally talented running backs given running lanes by a tenacious offensive line. If they keep it together, the Beaver offense can it make a long day for the UMass Dartmouth defense. Either way, expect the Beavers to challenge the UMass Dartmouth offense and make them work for every yard.



LAUREN C. KAI

Kelly A. Martens '03 jumps up to spike the ball during the Womens' Volleyball game on Tuesday. MIT defeated WPI 3-0 and captured the top spot in the New England region.

## Freshmen Aid Cross-Country Team

Kamimoto, Benedetti Help MIT Finish 14th at Saturday's Codfish Bowl

By Jennifer DeBoer

TEAM MEMBER

The women's cross-country team finished 14th in a field of 19 at Saturday's Codfish Bowl meet at Franklin Park. The team, which is composed of one sophomore and nine freshmen, finished the 3.1 mile course in an

average time of 21:47.2. Lynn K. Kamimoto '05, returning from an insect-related injury, led the pack with a 75th place finish in a time of 20:52. Nancy J. Benedetti '05 also finished strong with a time of 21:37. Just behind her was Kathleen R. Huffman '04, who came in at 21:37.7 despite an ongoing illness. Jessica E. Karnis '05 and Christina L. Greene '05 showed the benefits of pack running with times of 22:25 and 22:27, finishing 156th and 157th, respectively.

Although coach Paul Slovenski was pleased with certain pairs who worked together on the course, both Slovenski and coach Harold B.

Hatch look to even larger packs to run together and push each other in the future.

Shirleen X. Poon '05 worked hard on Franklin Park's Bear Cage Hill, and finished with a time of 22:41. Jennifer A. Gaugler '05 came in at 22:46. Rounding out the scoring pack was Jenna N. Matheeny '05, whose 176th place finish in 23:08 helped MIT to edge out UMass Lowell. Judy Y. Yeh '05 finished with a quick 23:18. At 269th was MIT's Jillian L. Dempsey '05 in a time of 25:11.

Even though the squad is young, Slovenski and Hatch see promise. "I am wicked happy for [the runners]," said Slovenski. Eight of the team members scored course personal records.

"Let's continue trying hard to pack attack others by working together during training," said Slovenski to the team. "There's strength in more numbers than just a couple."

Looking to the future, Slovenski stressed moving up by closing gaps between the different spreads of runners. "Look at where you are in relation to teammates, and set goals to squeeze those spaces even tighter still," he said.

Amherst took first place at the meet, followed closely by Brandeis University and Northern Colorado. MIT's total points came to 453. "I'm so proud of MIT [women's] cross country," said Slovenski after the meet. "We had a nice strong showing."



MARISSA L. YATES—THE TECH

Lynn K. Kamimoto '05 sprints past a Brandeis runner in the final 200 meters of the women's cross country meet on Saturday. Kamimoto finished 75th, and led the team to a 14th place finish on their home course at Franklin Park.

## MIT Tops New England With Undefeated Record

Volleyball Leads Region, Holds 20th Rank in Nation

By Paul Dill

TEAM COACH

MIT earned the first place ranking in the New England region and rose to 20th nationwide this week

after winning the eleven team Amherst College Tournament. MIT went 4-0 this past weekend, beating Trinity College, St. Lawrence University, Tufts University, and Wesleyan College.

The Engineers first took out Trinity College 3-1 (26-30, 30-21, 30-21, 30-15) with the hitting of Kelly A. Martens '03 and Nydia M. Clayton '04, who had 16 and 13 kills respectively. Jillian M. Kaup '03 also came off the bench to add seven kills and a .438 hitting percentage.

St. Lawrence University from New York was the next victim of the Engineer, and fell 3-0 (30-23, 30-17, 30-24). Clayton had 15 kills this time, while Christina Almodovar '02 dished out 37 assists.

The semi-final match vs. Tufts saw MIT's Parisa N. Habibi '02 anchor the defense with 17 digs, while Amy W. Mok '02 added 9

kills to the 3-0 (30-20, 30-19, 30-28) victory.

The finals saw a rematch of the Eastern College Athletic Conference finals of last season, as MIT faced Wesleyan College. Last season, Wesleyan College ended MIT's great run at ECAC's. Both teams had virtually the same line-ups on the court this year, but this time the Engineers would get the better of Wesleyan, winning 3-0 (30-19, 30-24, 30-28).

MIT controlled the match for the first two games, but found themselves down 20-25 in the third before Linda M. Yu '02 went back to serve Wesleyan off the court and get the Engineers back in the match. MIT outscored Wesleyan 10-3 at the end of the third game to take the championship. Martens was named to the All-Tournament first team, while Clayton was named to the All-Tournament second team.

The Engineers are currently undefeated within the New England region and are on an eleven match win streak. This 13-1 record is the best start for the program since the 1988 season.

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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Women's Tennis vs. Brandeis, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3

Water Polo vs. Harvard, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 4

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Women's Tennis vs. Tufts, 4:00 p.m.

Field Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth, 5:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Dartmouth College "B"

